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# H. R. 4297

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to treat attendance at an institution of higher education the same as work for the purpose of determining eligibility to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. VELA, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. LOWENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Enhance Access To  
3 SNAP Act of 2019” or “EATS Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5 Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
6 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (e)(4) by striking “employed”  
8 and inserting “attending an institution of higher  
9 education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or em-  
11 ployed, in the aggregate,”; and

12 (2) in subsection (o)(2)(A) by striking “work”  
13 and inserting “attending an institution of higher  
14 education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher  
15 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or work,  
16 in the aggregate,”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2020.

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