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# H. R. 4379

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand the summer electronic benefits transfer for children program to include benefit transfer during school closures, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2023

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Child Hunger  
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS**  
2 **TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

3 Section 13A of the Richard B. Russell National  
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1762) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
7 by inserting “and school closure period, as ap-  
8 plicable,” after “for each summer”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by inserting “and school closure  
11 periods, as applicable,” after “summer  
12 months”; and

13 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
14 and inserting “or during a school closure  
15 period.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
19 graph (A), by inserting “for summer  
20 months or a school closure period, as appli-  
21 cable,” after “pursuant to subsection (a)”;

22 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
23 by striking “be—” and inserting “be, for  
24 calendar year 2024 and each year there-  
25 after, in an amount that is not less than  
26 the value of breakfast, lunch, and a snack

1 at the free rate for each day of such sum-  
2 mer months or school closure period; and”;  
3 and

4 (iii) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) of  
5 subparagraph (A); and

6 (B) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “or  
7 a school closure period, as applicable” after  
8 “summer months”;

9 (3) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by inserting “or a  
10 school closure period, as applicable” after “with re-  
11 spect to summer”;

12 (4) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) by striking “50” and inserting “100”;

14 (5) in subsection (h)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
17 graph (A), by inserting “or school closure  
18 period, as applicable” after “summer”;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (I) by striking “or during” and  
21 inserting “, during”; and

22 (II) by inserting “, or during the  
23 calendar year in which such school  
24 closure period began” after “oper-  
25 ational period”;

1 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) in the matter preceding clause  
3 (i), by inserting “or during the cal-  
4 endar year in which such school clo-  
5 sure period began”;

6 (II) in clause (i)—

7 (aa) by striking “and” at  
8 the end and inserting “or”; and

9 (bb) by striking “(i) en-  
10 rolled” and inserting “enrolled”;

11 (III) by striking clause (ii);

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
13 paragraph (6); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
15 following:

16 “(4) FREE RATE.—The term ‘free rate’ has the  
17 meaning given the term in section 1101(j)(4) of the  
18 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (7 U.S.C.  
19 2011 note).

20 “(5) SCHOOL CLOSURE PERIOD.—The term  
21 ‘school closure period’ means a period in which an  
22 elementary school or secondary school is closed, op-  
23 erating remotely, or operating in a hybrid manner  
24 for 5 or more consecutive weekdays during a cal-  
25 endar year.”; and

1 (6) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(i) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
4 out a program to make grants to States to support  
5 the development of data systems or upgrades to ex-  
6 isting data systems that are necessary to implement  
7 this section.

8 “(2) FUNDING.—Subject to the availability of  
9 appropriations provided in advance in an appropria-  
10 tions Act specifically for the purpose of carrying out  
11 this section, and in addition to such appropriations,  
12 on October 1, 2024, out of any funds in the Treas-  
13 ury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the  
14 Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out  
15 this subparagraph \$50,000,000, to remain available  
16 until expended.”.

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