

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8327

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Mr. HAGEDORN (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Farm and Agricultural  
5       Worker Safety Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION TO FARM AND AGRICULTURAL**  
2 **WORKERS OF INFORMATION AND TRAINING**  
3 **ON BEST PRACTICES USED TO RESPOND TO**  
4 **THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 502(i)(1)(B) of the Rural  
6 Development Act of 1972 (7 U.S.C. 2662(i)(1)(B)) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in the subparagraph heading, by inserting  
9 “AND AGRICULTURAL WORKER” before “SAFETY”;

10 (2) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

11 (A) by inserting “and agricultural worker”  
12 before “safety education”; and

13 (B) by striking “timber harvesters, and  
14 farm families” and inserting “agricultural proc-  
15 essors and handlers, timber harvesters, farm  
16 families, and other participants in the agricul-  
17 tural supply chain”;

18 (3) in clause (iii), by striking “dermititis” and  
19 inserting “dermatitis”;

20 (4) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the end;

21 (5) in clause (vi), by striking the period and in-  
22 serting “; and”; and

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

24 “(vii) other relevant health and safety  
25 guidance, guidelines, requirements, or in-  
26 formation.”.

1 (b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-  
2 PRIATIONS.—For the purpose of disseminating informa-  
3 tion related to the COVID–19 pandemic under section  
4 502(i)(1)(B) of the Rural Development Act of 1972, there  
5 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-  
6 culture \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2021, which is author-  
7 ized to remain available through fiscal year 2026.

8 **SEC. 3. RURAL HEALTH DISRUPTION PRIORITIZATION**  
9 **FLEXIBILITY.**

10 Section 6101(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (132  
11 Stat. 4726–4727; Public Law 115–334) is amended by  
12 striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3)  
13 as paragraph (2).

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