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S. 2515

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2021

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Enhance Access To
5 SNAP Act of 2021” or “EATS Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ATTENDANCE AT AN INSTITUTION**
2 **OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PURPOSES OF**
3 **SNAP ELIGIBILITY.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 6 of the Food and Nutri-
5 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

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

11 (2) in subsection (o)(2)(A), by striking “work”
12 and inserting “attend an institution of higher edu-
13 cation (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Edu-
14 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or work, in
15 the aggregate,”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section and the amend-
17 ments made by this section shall take effect on January
18 2, 2022.

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