

118TH CONGRESS
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S. 2536

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Nurses Utilizing Re-
5 sources for SNAP Education Act of 2023” or the
6 “NURSE Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. SNAP TRAINING MATERIALS FOR HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROFESSIONALS.**

3 (a) **DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFES-**
4 **SIONAL.**—In this section, the term “health care profes-
5 sional” means an individual licensed, registered, or cer-
6 tified under Federal or State law to provide health care
7 services.

8 (b) **TRAINING MATERIALS.**—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall—

10 (1) develop and make available materials de-
11 signed to train health care professionals to inform
12 their patients about the availability of benefits under
13 the supplemental nutrition assistance program es-
14 tablished under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
15 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); and

16 (2) perform outreach to hospitals, universities,
17 nursing associations, and similar entities to ensure
18 that health care professionals are aware of the avail-
19 ability of those materials.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act shall take effect on January 31, 2023.

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