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S. 4488

To amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to establish a pilot program to award grants to facilitate home delivery of commodities under the commodity supplemental food program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) 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 “Delivering for Rural
5 Seniors Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**
 2 **HOME DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of
 4 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note; Public Law 93–86) is amended
 5 by inserting after section 5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 5A. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**
 7 **HOME DELIVERY PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

9 “(1) to award grants for the operation of
 10 projects that increase access for low-income elderly
 11 persons to commodities through home delivery; and

12 “(2) to evaluate those projects.

13 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PRO-
 15 GRAM.—The term ‘commodity supplemental food
 16 program’ means the program established under sec-
 17 tion 4.

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
 19 tity’ means—

20 “(A) a local agency; or

21 “(B) a subdistributing agency.

22 “(3) LOCAL AGENCY; STATE AGENCY; SUB-
 23 DISTRIBUTING AGENCY.—The terms ‘local agency’,
 24 ‘State agency’, and ‘subdistributing agency’ have the
 25 meanings given those terms in section 247.1 of title

1 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regu-
2 lation).

3 “(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has
4 the meaning given the term in section 343(a) of the
5 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
6 U.S.C. 1991(a)).

7 “(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award grants, on
8 a competitive basis, to State agencies to carry out the ac-
9 tivities described in subsection (f)(1).

10 “(d) MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD.—The amount of a
11 grant awarded to a State agency under subsection (c) may
12 not exceed the lesser of—

13 “(1) \$4,000,000; and

14 “(2) the product obtained by multiplying—

15 “(A) the commodity supplemental food
16 program caseload of the applicable State at the
17 time that the application for the grant is sub-
18 mitted under subsection (e); and

19 “(B) \$60.

20 “(e) APPLICATIONS.—A State agency seeking a grant
21 under subsection (c) shall submit to the Secretary an ap-
22 plication at such time, in such manner, and containing
23 such information as the Secretary may require.

24 “(f) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State agency awarded a
2 grant under subsection (c) shall distribute the grant
3 funds to eligible entities to operate projects that fa-
4 cilitate home delivery of commodities to participants
5 in the commodity supplemental food program, in-
6 cluding for costs associated with—

7 “(A) transportation and distribution of
8 commodities to participants in the commodity
9 supplemental food program, including transpor-
10 tation and distribution services provided by a
11 third party;

12 “(B) staffing required to operate home de-
13 livery services; and

14 “(C) outreach to participants or potential
15 participants in the commodity supplemental
16 food program with respect to home delivery.

17 “(2) PRIORITY.—In distributing grant funds in
18 accordance with paragraph (1), a State agency shall
19 prioritize eligible entities that serve participants in
20 the commodity supplemental food program who re-
21 side in a rural area.

22 “(g) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—Not later than
23 180 days after the end of the fiscal year in which a State
24 agency is awarded a grant under subsection (c), and each
25 fiscal year thereafter until all grant funds are expended,

1 a State agency shall submit to the Secretary a report that
2 includes—

3 “(1) a summary of the activities carried out
4 under the projects funded by the grant, including
5 the quantity of commodities delivered, number of
6 participants in the commodity supplemental food
7 program served, and total number of deliveries;

8 “(2) an assessment of the effectiveness of those
9 projects, including—

10 “(A) a calculation of the average cost per
11 delivery; and

12 “(B) an evaluation of any services provided
13 by a third party; and

14 “(3) best practices regarding use of home deliv-
15 ery to improve the effectiveness of the commodity
16 supplemental food program.

17 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
19 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027,
20 to remain available until expended.”.

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