

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 974

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make publicly available information on infant formula procurement under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2023

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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 “WIC Healthy Begin-
5 nings Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFANT FORMULA PROCUREMENT ONLINE SOURCE**
2 **OF INFORMATION.**

3 Section 17(h)(8)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of
4 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(8)(A)) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 “(xi) INFANT FORMULA PROCURE-
7 MENT ONLINE SOURCE OF INFORMA-
8 TION.—

9 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later
10 than 180 days after the date of enact-
11 ment of this clause, the Secretary
12 shall make available to the public the
13 information described in items (aa)
14 through (dd) of subclause (II) relating
15 to bid solicitations of State agencies
16 for infant formula under the program.

17 “(II) STATE AGENCIES.—In so-
18 liciting bids for infant formula under
19 the program, a State agency, or a
20 State agency on behalf of a State alli-
21 ance, shall submit to the Secretary,
22 not later than 5 business days after
23 the date on which a bid solicitation is
24 made available online to bidders by
25 the State, a description of the bid so-
26 licitation, including—

1 “(aa) the title of the bid so-
2 licitation and the State agency
3 administering the bid solicitation;

4 “(bb) the website hyperlink
5 and other information needed for
6 the purpose of submitting a bid
7 in response to the bid solicitation;

8 “(cc) the contact informa-
9 tion and website hyperlink for
10 the State agency administering
11 the bid solicitation, for the pur-
12 pose of gathering additional in-
13 formation relating to the bid so-
14 licitation; and

15 “(dd) the period during
16 which bids are accepted or the
17 due date for bids, as applicable,
18 under the bid solicitation.

19 “(III) PUBLICATION.—Not later
20 than 5 days after receiving a descrip-
21 tion of a bid solicitation under sub-
22 clause (II), the Secretary shall make
23 that description publicly available.

1 “(IV) GUIDANCE.—The Sec-
2 retary shall issue guidance to imple-
3 ment this clause.”.

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