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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out pilot projects to increase the number of children participating in the summer food service program for children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. KERREY and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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. SUMMER FOOD PILOT PROJECTS.**

4 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
5 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

1 “(f) SUMMER FOOD PILOT PROJECTS.—

2 “(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STATE.—In this
3 subsection, the term ‘eligible State’ means a State in
4 which (based on data available in July 2000)—

5 “(A) the percentage obtained by dividing—

6 “(i) the sum of—

7 “(I) the average daily number of
8 children attending the summer food
9 service program in the State in July
10 1999; and

11 “(II) the average daily number of
12 children receiving free or reduced
13 price meals under the school lunch
14 program in the State in July 1999; by

15 “(ii) the average daily number of chil-
16 dren receiving free or reduced price meals
17 under the school lunch program in the
18 State in March 1999; is less than 50 per-
19 cent of

20 “(B) the percentage obtained by dividing—

21 “(i) the sum of—

22 “(I) the average daily number of
23 children attending the summer food
24 service program in all States in July
25 1999; and

1 “(II) the average daily number of
2 children receiving free or reduced
3 price meals under the school lunch
4 program in all States in July 1999; by

5 “(ii) the average daily number of chil-
6 dren receiving free or reduced price meals
7 under the school lunch program in all
8 States in March 1999.

9 “(2) PILOT PROJECTS.—During the period of
10 fiscal years 2001 through 2003, the Secretary shall
11 carry out a summer food pilot project in each eligi-
12 ble State to increase the number of children partici-
13 pating in the summer food service program in the
14 State.

15 “(3) SUPPORT LEVELS FOR SERVICE INSTITU-
16 TIONS.—

17 “(A) FOOD SERVICE.—Under the pilot
18 project, a service institution (other than a serv-
19 ice institution described in section 13(a)(7)) in
20 an eligible State shall receive the maximum
21 amounts for food service under section 13(b)(1)
22 without regard to the requirement under section
23 13(b)(1)(A) that payments shall equal the full
24 cost of food service operations.

1 “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Under the
 2 pilot project, a service institution (other than a
 3 service institution described in section 13(a)(7))
 4 in an eligible State shall receive the maximum
 5 amounts for administrative costs determined by
 6 the Secretary under section 13(b)(4) without
 7 regard to the requirement under section
 8 13(b)(3) that payments to service institutions
 9 shall equal the full amount of State-approved
 10 administrative costs incurred.

11 “(C) COMPLIANCE.—A service institution
 12 that receives assistance under this subsection
 13 shall comply with all provisions of section 13
 14 other than subsections (b)(1)(A) and (b)(3) of
 15 section 13.

16 “(4) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—Expenditures
 17 of funds from State and local sources for mainte-
 18 nance of a summer food service program shall not
 19 be diminished as a result of assistance from the Sec-
 20 retary received under this subsection.

21 “(5) EVALUATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
 23 through the Administrator of the Food and Nu-
 24 trition Service, shall conduct an evaluation of
 25 the pilot project.

1 “(B) CONTENT.—An evaluation under this
2 paragraph shall describe—

3 “(i) any effect on participation by
4 children and service institutions in the
5 summer food service program in the eligi-
6 ble State in which the pilot project is car-
7 ried out;

8 “(ii) any effect of the pilot project on
9 the quality of the meals and supplements
10 served in the eligible State in which the
11 pilot project is carried out; and

12 “(iii) any effect of the pilot project on
13 program integrity.

14 “(6) REPORTS.—

15 “(A) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than
16 December 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit
17 to the Committee on Education and the Work-
18 force of the House of Representatives and the
19 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
20 estry of the Senate an interim report that de-
21 scribes the status of, and any progress made
22 by, each pilot project being carried out under
23 this subsection as of the date of submission of
24 the report.

1 “(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than
2 April 30, 2004, the Secretary shall submit to
3 the Committee on Education and the Workforce
4 of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
6 of the Senate a final report that includes—

7 “(i) the evaluations completed by the
8 Secretary under paragraph (5); and

9 “(ii) any recommendations of the Sec-
10 retary concerning the pilot projects.”.

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