

114TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit further reductions in sodium levels and to reinstate the grain-rich requirements applicable to the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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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 “Healthy School Meals
5 Flexibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SODIUM TARGET LEVELS; WHOLE GRAIN REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 9(f) of the Richard B. Russell National
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(5) SODIUM TARGET LEVELS.—Notwith-
7 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary
8 shall not implement any regulation under this Act,
9 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et
10 seq.), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
11 (Public Law 111-296), or any other law that would
12 require a reduction in the quantity of sodium con-
13 tained in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and
14 snacks sold in schools below Target 1 (as described
15 in section 220.8(f)(3) of title 7, Code of Federal
16 Regulations (or successor regulations)).

17 “(6) WHOLE GRAIN REQUIREMENT.—Notwith-
18 standing the final rule of the Secretary entitled ‘Nu-
19 trition Standards in the National School Lunch and
20 School Breakfast Programs’ (77 Fed. Reg. 4088
21 (January 26, 2012)) or any other provision of law—

22 “(A) the Secretary shall only require that
23 half of all grains in federally reimbursed meals,
24 foods, and snacks sold in schools are whole
25 grain-rich; and

1 “(B) school food authorities shall comply
2 with the applicable grain component or stand-
3 ard with respect to the school lunch or school
4 breakfast program that was in effect prior to
5 July 1, 2014.”.