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H. R. 7572

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide employment and training data grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SALINAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “SNAP E&T Data And
5 Technical Assistance (DATA) Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
8 U.S.C. 2014) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(o) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DATA GRANTS.—

2 The Secretary is authorized to award grants to State
3 agencies, on a competitive basis, for the purpose of cre-
4 ating and strengthening longitudinal administrative data-
5 bases and associated resources for the purpose of
6 strengthening program quality, reducing burden, advanc-
7 ing equity, protecting privacy, and improving transparency
8 in supplemental nutrition and assistance program employ-
9 ment and training programs.

10 “(1) AWARD BASIS.—The Secretary shall award
11 grants on a competitive basis and in a manner con-
12 sistent with the following priorities:

13 “(A) Encouraging participation among
14 States that have not yet received such grants
15 and among those with the greatest needs in
16 terms of data infrastructure.

17 “(B) Strengthening effectiveness in meet-
18 ing the purposes of section 6(d)(4)(A)(i).

19 “(C) Facilitating co-enrollment and coordi-
20 nation of services between employment and
21 training programs offered under this Act and
22 other federally-supported workforce develop-
23 ment programs, such as those authorized under
24 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
25 (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and the Strengthening

1 Career and Technical Education for the 21st
2 Century Act (Public Law 115–224; 132 Stat.
3 1563) and the amendments made by that Act.

4 “(D) Participating in and contributing
5 data to the State’s linked longitudinal data sys-
6 tem, including submitting data that when
7 linked with K–12, postsecondary, and workforce
8 development data, provides the State with the
9 ability to create more robust tools and ana-
10 lytics.

11 “(E) Encouraging the use of non-Federal
12 contributions to improve State data infrastruc-
13 ture and related resources.

14 “(F) Enabling research and program im-
15 provement activities.

16 “(G) Other priorities as determined by the
17 Secretary.

18 “(2) PRIVACY AND SECURITY STANDARDS.—

19 Data supported by this subsection shall be—

20 “(A) used only for the purpose described in
21 this subsection;

22 “(B) exempted from the disclosure require-
23 ments of section 552(a) of title 5 of the United
24 States Code pursuant to section 552(b)(3) of

1 such title, to the extent such information is ob-
2 tained or received by the Secretary;

3 “(C) used in a manner that protects the
4 identity and location of an individual that is an
5 applicant for, or recipient of, supplemental nu-
6 trition assistance program benefits; and

7 “(D) shall meet security standards as de-
8 termined by the Secretary.

9 “(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds
10 made available under this subsection shall be used to
11 supplement, and not supplant, other State or local
12 funds used for developing State data systems.

13 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
14 the funds available under section 18, the Secretary
15 shall use to carry out this subsection \$15,000,000
16 for each of the fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

17 “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary
18 shall reserve not more than 20 percent of the funds
19 made available under paragraph (4) for the provi-
20 sion of technical assistance to support the implemen-
21 tation of these Grants.

22 “(6) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after
23 the effective date of this subsection, and annually
24 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-

1 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
2 and Forestry of the Senate, a report regarding im-
3 plementation of this subsection that, includes the
4 following information.

5 “(A) The number of grants awarded, a list
6 of recipients, and the amount of funds awarded.

7 “(B) A description of recipients’ use of the
8 grant funds.

9 “(C) An analysis of the impact of receiving
10 such grants on improving the effectiveness of
11 State employment and training programs in
12 meeting the purposes of section 6(d)(4)(A)(i).”.

13 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT.**

14 Not later than 1 year after funds are made available
15 to carry out section 5(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act
16 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(o)), the Comptroller General of
17 the United States shall—

18 (1) examine and review the implementation of
19 such section, including an examination of—

20 (A) co-enrollment strategies and related
21 best practices that maximize participant eligi-
22 bility using linked and integrated data;

23 (B) an examination and distillation of best
24 practices related to the coordination and braid-
25 ing of funds that improve the quality of employ-

1 ment and training programs implemented under
2 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and

3 (C) additional issues and impact that ac-
4 cess to linked and integrated databases and the
5 development of data exchange agreements have
6 on the participant and provider outcomes within
7 employment and training programs imple-
8 mented under the Food and Nutrition Act of
9 2008;

10 (2) develop recommendations to the Secretary
11 of Agriculture on any changes that should be made
12 to improve such data grants; and

13 (3) prepare and submit a report on the findings
14 and recommendations based on the examination
15 made under paragraph (1), and recommendations
16 received, under paragraph (2), to—

17 (A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
18 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

19 (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the
20 House of Representatives.

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