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To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to create team nutrition networks to promote the nutritional health of school children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. DODD) 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 “Early Attention To
5 Nutrition (EATN) Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes
2 are responsible for $\frac{2}{3}$ of deaths in the United
3 States;

4 (2) the major risk factors for those diseases
5 and conditions are established in childhood through
6 unhealthy eating habits, physical inactivity, obesity,
7 and tobacco use;

8 (3) obesity rates have doubled in children and
9 tripled in adolescents over the last 2 decades;

10 (4) today, 1 in 7 young people are obese, and
11 1 in 3 are overweight;

12 (5) obese children are twice as likely as
13 nonobese children to become obese adults;

14 (6) an overweight condition and obesity can re-
15 sult in physical, psychological, and social con-
16 sequences, including heart disease, diabetes, cancer,
17 depression, decreased self-esteem, and discrimina-
18 tion;

19 (7) only 2 percent of children consume a diet
20 that meets the 5 main recommendations for a
21 healthy diet from the Food Guide Pyramid published
22 by the Secretary of Agriculture;

23 (8) 3 out of 4 high school students in the
24 United States do not eat the recommended 5 or
25 more servings of fruits and vegetables each day; and

1 (9) 3 out of 4 children in the United States
2 consume more saturated fat than is recommended in
3 the Dietary Guidelines for Americans published by
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 3. TEAM NUTRITION NETWORK GRANTS.**

6 Section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
7 U.S.C. 1788) is amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 19. TEAM NUTRITION NETWORK GRANTS.**

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

10 “(1) to promote the nutritional health of school
11 children through nutrition education and other ac-
12 tivities that support healthy lifestyles for children;

13 “(2) to provide grants to States for the develop-
14 ment of statewide, comprehensive, and integrated
15 nutrition education programs; and

16 “(3) to provide training and technical assist-
17 ance to States, school and community nutrition pro-
18 grams, and child nutrition food service professionals.

19 “(b) DEFINITION OF TEAM NUTRITION NETWORK.—

20 In this section, the term ‘team nutrition network’ means
21 a multidisciplinary program to promote healthy eating to
22 children based on scientifically valid information and
23 sound educational, social, and marketing principles.

24 “(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary is authorized to make
25 grants to State educational agencies to promote the nutri-

1 tional health of school children through the establishment
2 of team nutrition networks.

3 “(d) ALLOCATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)
5 and subsections (g) and (h), the Secretary shall allo-
6 cate funds made available for a fiscal year under
7 subsection (i) to make grants to eligible State edu-
8 cational agencies for a fiscal year in an amount de-
9 termined by the Secretary, based on the ratio that—

10 “(A) the number of lunches reimbursed
11 through food service programs under the Rich-
12 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
13 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) in schools, institutions,
14 and service institutions in the State that par-
15 ticipate in the food service programs; bears to

16 “(B) the number of lunches reimbursed
17 through the food service programs in schools,
18 institutions, and service institutions in all
19 States that participate in the food service pro-
20 grams.

21 “(2) MINIMUM GRANT.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a
23 grant made to a State educational agency for a
24 fiscal year under this section shall not be less
25 than \$500,000.

1 “(B) INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.—If the
2 amount made available for any fiscal year is in-
3 sufficient to pay the amount to which each eli-
4 gible State educational agency is entitled under
5 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall select, on
6 a competitive basis, eligible State educational
7 agencies that will receive, at least, the minimum
8 amount of grants required under subparagraph
9 (A).

10 “(e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
11 under this section, a State educational agency shall submit
12 a State plan to the Secretary for approval, in such manner
13 and at such time as the Secretary determines, that in-
14 cludes information regarding how the grant will be used
15 in accordance with this section.

16 “(f) USES OF GRANT.—Subject to subsection (g), a
17 grant made under this section may be used to—

18 “(1) instruct students with regard to the nutri-
19 tional value of foods and the relationship between
20 food and human health;

21 “(2) promote healthy eating by children;

22 “(3) provide assistance to schools in the adop-
23 tion and implementation of school policies that pro-
24 mote healthy eating;

1 “(4) foster community environments that sup-
2 port healthy eating and physical activities;

3 “(5) provide training and technical assistance
4 to teachers and school food service professionals con-
5 sistent with this section;

6 “(6) evaluate State and local nutrition edu-
7 cation programs;

8 “(7) disseminate educational materials state-
9 wide through the use of the Internet, mailings, con-
10 ferences, and other communication channels;

11 “(8) provide subgrants to school and school
12 food authorities for carrying out nutrition education
13 activities at the local level; and

14 “(9) conduct programs and education for par-
15 ents and caregivers regarding healthy eating for chil-
16 dren.

17 “(g) STATE COORDINATORS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure
19 that at least 10 percent of a grant made to a State
20 educational agency for each fiscal year is used by
21 the State educational agency to appoint a team nu-
22 trition network coordinator for the State.

23 “(2) ROLE OF STATE COORDINATORS.—A team
24 nutrition network coordinator for a State shall—

1 “(A) develop and administer the team nu-
2 trition network in the State; and

3 “(B) coordinate the team nutrition net-
4 work of the State with—

5 “(i) the Secretary (acting through the
6 Food and Nutrition Service);

7 “(ii) State agencies responsible for
8 children’s health programs (including
9 school-based children’s health programs);
10 and

11 “(iii) other appropriate Federal,
12 State, and local agencies.

13 “(h) NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall reserve
15 20 percent of the amount of funds made available
16 for each fiscal year under subsection (i) to promote
17 team nutrition networks nationally in accordance
18 with this subsection.

19 “(2) ACTIVITIES.—Of the amount of funds that
20 are reserved for a fiscal year under this section, the
21 Secretary shall use—

22 “(A) 50 percent of the reserved funds
23 for—

24 “(i) evaluation of activities funded
25 under this section; and

1 “(ii) development of a clearinghouse
2 for collecting and disseminating informa-
3 tion on best practices for promoting
4 healthy eating in school and community
5 child nutrition programs; and

6 “(B) 50 percent of the reserved funds to
7 carry out national activities to support team
8 nutrition networks through the Secretary, act-
9 ing through the Undersecretary of Food and
10 Nutrition Services.

11 “(i) FUNDING.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On October 1, 2004, and
13 on each October 1 thereafter through October 1,
14 2007, out of any funds in the Treasury not other-
15 wise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
16 shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture to
17 carry out this section \$50,000,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended.

19 “(2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Sec-
20 retary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and
21 shall use to carry out this section the funds trans-
22 ferred under paragraph (1), without further appro-
23 priation.”.

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