

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase reimbursement rates of school meals, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Healthy Meals Help Kids
5 Learn Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF**
2 **SCHOOL MEALS.**

3 (a) **SCHOOL LUNCH INCREASE.**—Section 4(b) of the
4 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1753(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) **NON-PERFORMANCE-BASED ADDITIONAL REIM-**
7 **BURSEMENT.**—

8 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on July 1,
9 2024, each lunch served in school food authorities
10 shall receive an additional 45 cents.

11 “(B) **ADJUSTMENT.**—The amount in subpara-
12 graph (A) shall be adjusted in accordance with sec-
13 tion 11(a)(3) beginning on July 1, 2025.”.

14 (b) **SCHOOL BREAKFAST INCREASE.**—Section
15 4(b)(1) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
16 1773(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(F) **NON-PERFORMANCE-BASED ADDITIONAL RE-**
19 **IMBURSEMENT.**—

20 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning on July 1, 2024,
21 each free breakfast, reduced price breakfast, and
22 breakfast served to children not eligible for free or
23 reduced price meals served in school food authorities
24 shall receive an additional 28 cents.

25 “(ii) **ADJUSTMENT.**—The amount in clause (i)
26 shall be adjusted in accordance with section 11(a)(3)

1 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch
2 Act beginning on July 1, 2025 (42 U.S.C.
3 1759a(a)(3)).”.