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To provide supplemental foods and nutrition education to low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children of military families stationed outside the United States that are similar to supplemental foods and nutrition education provided in the United States under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 27, 1999

Mr. LEAHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Fami-
3 lies in the Military Service Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) prenatal care and proper nutrition for preg-
7 nant women reduces the incidence of birth abnor-
8 malities and low birth weight among infants;

9 (2) proper nutrition for infants and young chil-
10 dren has very positive health and growth benefits;
11 and

12 (3) women, infants, and children of military
13 families stationed outside the United States are po-
14 tentially at nutritional risk.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to ensure
16 that women, infants, and children of military families sta-
17 tioned outside the United States receive supplemental
18 foods and nutrition education if they generally would be
19 eligible to receive supplemental foods and nutrition edu-
20 cation provided in the United States under the special sup-
21 plemental nutrition program for women, infants, and chil-
22 dren established under section 17 of the Child Nutrition
23 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

1 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION BENEFITS**
2 **FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN OF**
3 **MILITARY FAMILIES STATIONED OUTSIDE**
4 **THE UNITED STATES.**

5 Section 1060a of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (h); and

9 (2) by striking subsections (a) through (e) and
10 inserting the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
12 consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall estab-
13 lish and carry out a program to provide, at no cost to
14 the recipient, supplemental foods and nutrition education
15 to—

16 “(1) low-income pregnant, postpartum, and
17 breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to 5
18 years of age of military families of the armed forces
19 of the United States stationed outside the United
20 States (and its territories and possessions); and

21 “(2) eligible civilians serving with, employed by,
22 or accompanying the armed forces outside the
23 United States (and its territories and possessions).

24 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise pro-
25 vided in this section, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-
26 tion with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall operate the

1 program under this section in a manner that is similar
2 to the special supplemental nutrition program for women,
3 infants, and children established under section 17 of the
4 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

5 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in
6 consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall pro-
7 mulgate regulations to carry out this section that are as
8 similar as practicable to regulations promulgated to carry
9 out the special supplemental nutrition program for
10 women, infants, and children established under section 17
11 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, but that take into
12 account—

13 “(1) the need to use military personnel to carry
14 out functions under the program established under
15 this section, including functions relating to supple-
16 mental foods, nutrition education, eligibility deter-
17 minations, oversight, enforcement, auditing, finan-
18 cial management, application reviews, delivery of
19 benefits and program information, handling of local
20 operations and administration, and reporting and
21 recordkeeping;

22 “(2) the need to limit participation to certain
23 military installations to ensure efficient program op-
24 erations using funds made available to carry out this
25 section;

1 “(3) the availability in foreign countries of ex-
2 change stores, commissary stores, and other sources
3 of supplemental foods; and

4 “(4) other factors or circumstances determined
5 appropriate by the Secretary of Defense, including
6 the need to phase-in program operations during fis-
7 cal year 2000.

8 “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
10 shall be responsible for the implementation, manage-
11 ment, and operation of the program established
12 under this section, including ensuring the proper ex-
13 penditure of funds made available to carry out this
14 section.

15 “(2) INVESTIGATION AND MONITORING.—The
16 Inspectors General of the Armed Forces and the De-
17 partment of Defense shall investigate and monitor
18 the implementation of this section.

19 “(e) RECORDS.—The Secretary of Defense shall re-
20 quire that such accounts and records (including medical
21 records) be maintained as are necessary to enable the Sec-
22 retary of Defense to—

23 “(1) determine whether there has been compli-
24 ance with this section; and

1 “(2) determine and evaluate the adequacy of
2 benefits provided under this section.

3 “(f) REPORT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
5 2001, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
6 the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit a report
7 describing the implementation of this section to—

8 “(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the
9 House of Representatives;

10 “(B) the Committee on Armed Services of
11 the House of Representatives;

12 “(C) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
13 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

14 “(D) the Committee on Armed Services of
15 the Senate.

16 “(2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under
17 paragraph (1) shall include a description of partici-
18 pation rates, typical food packages, health and nutri-
19 tion assessment procedures, eligibility determina-
20 tions, management difficulties, and benefits of the
21 program established under this section.

22 “(g) FUNDING.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Out of any funds in the
24 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary

1 of the Treasury shall provide to the Secretary of De-
2 fense to carry out this section—

3 “(A) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;

4 “(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2001; and

5 “(C) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

6 “(2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall be entitled to receive the
8 funds and shall accept the funds, without further
9 appropriation.”.

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