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To amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

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Mr. WALSH (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LEACH, Ms. LEE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. QUINN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. COYNE, and Ms. DELAURO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Nutrition Assistance
5 for Working Families and Seniors Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS FOR**
2 **LEGAL IMMIGRANTS.**

3 (a) LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED ALIENS
4 FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Per-
6 sonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Rec-
7 onciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)) is
8 amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
11 “Federal programs” and inserting “Fed-
12 eral program”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (D)—

14 (I) by striking clause (ii); and

15 (II) in clause (i)—

16 (aa) by striking “(i)
17 SSI.—” and all that follows
18 through “paragraph (3)(A)” and
19 inserting the following:

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to
21 the specified Federal program described in
22 paragraph (3)”;

23 (bb) by redesignating sub-
24 clauses (II) through (IV) as
25 clauses (ii) through (iv) and in-
26 denting appropriately;

- 1 (cc) by striking “subclause
2 (I)” each place it appears and in-
3 serting “clause (i)”; and
- 4 (dd) in clause (iv) (as redesi-
5 gnated by item (bb)), by striking
6 “this clause” and inserting “this
7 subparagraph”;
- 8 (iii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
9 “paragraph (3)(A) (relating to the supple-
10 mental security income program)” and in-
11 serting “paragraph (3)”;
- 12 (iv) in subparagraph (F);
- 13 (I) by striking “Federal pro-
14 grams” and inserting “Federal pro-
15 gram”;
- 16 (II) in clause (ii)(I)—
- 17 (aa) by striking “(I) in the
18 case of the specified Federal pro-
19 gram described in paragraph
20 (3)(A),”;
- 21 (bb) by striking “; and” and
22 inserting a period; and
- 23 (III) by striking subclause (II);

1 (v) in subparagraph (G), by striking
2 “Federal programs” and inserting “Fed-
3 eral program”;

4 (vi) in subparagraph (H), by striking
5 “paragraph (3)(A) (relating to the supple-
6 mental security income program)” and in-
7 serting “paragraph (3)”; and

8 (vii) by striking subparagraphs (I),
9 (J), and (K); and
10 (B) in paragraph (3)—

11 (i) by striking “means any” and all
12 that follows through “The supplemental”
13 and inserting “means the supplemental”;
14 and

15 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B).

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
17 402(b)(2)(F) of the Personal Responsibility and
18 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
19 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(F)) is amended by striking “sub-
20 section (a)(3)(A)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”.

21 (b) FIVE-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED
22 ALIENS FOR FEDERAL MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BEN-
23 EFIT.—Section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and
24 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
25 1613) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(L) Assistance or benefits under the Food
4 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)”;
5 and

6 (2) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) by striking “not apply” and all that
8 follows through “(1) an individual” and insert-
9 ing “not apply to an individual”; and

10 (B) by striking “; or” and all that follows
11 through “402(a)(3)(B)”.

12 (c) AUTHORITY FOR STATES TO PROVIDE FOR AT-
13 TRIBUTION OF SPONSOR’S INCOME AND RESOURCES TO
14 THE ALIEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE PROGRAMS.—Sec-
15 tion 422(b) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-
16 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1632(b))
17 is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(8) Programs comparable to assistance or ben-
19 efits under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
20 2011 et seq.)”.

21 (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSOR’S AFFIDAVIT OF
22 SUPPORT.—Section 423(d) of the Personal Responsibility
23 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
24 U.S.C. 1183a note; Public Law 104–193) is amended by
25 adding at the end the following:

1 “(12) Benefits under the Food Stamp Act of
2 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), if a sponsor is unable
3 to make the reimbursement because the sponsor ex-
4 periences hardship (including bankruptcy, disability,
5 and indigence) or if the sponsor experiences severe
6 circumstances beyond the control of the sponsor, as
7 determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.”.

8 (e) DERIVATIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.—Sec-
9 tion 436 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
10 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1646) is re-
11 pealed.

12 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMEND-
13 MENTS.—

14 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE—Except as provided in
15 paragraph (2), this section and the amendments
16 made by this section shall take effect on April 1,
17 2002.

18 (2) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CUR-
19 RENT CERTIFICATION PERIODS.—The amendments
20 made by subsections (a) through (d) shall—

21 (A) not apply to certification periods that
22 begin before April 1, 2002, and end before or
23 on October 1, 2002, unless the State agency (as
24 defined in section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of
25 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) involved elects to make

1 such amendments applicable before the respec-
2 tive ends of such periods, but not before April
3 1, 2002; and

4 (B) apply on October 1, 2002, to certifi-
5 cation periods that begin before April 1, 2002,
6 and end after October 1, 2002, unless the State
7 agency involved elects to make such amend-
8 ments applicable to such periods on a date be-
9 fore October 1, 2002, but not before April 1,
10 2002.

11 **SEC. 3. PREVENTION OF HUNGER AMONG FAMILIES WITH**
12 **CHILDREN.**

13 (a) STANDARD DEDUCTION.—Section 5(e) of the
14 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)) is amended
15 by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

16 “(1) STANDARD DEDUCTION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
18 graph (B), the Secretary shall allow a standard
19 deduction for each household in the 48 contig-
20 uous States and the District of Columbia, Alas-
21 ka, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of
22 the United States equal to the applicable per-
23 centage established under subparagraph (C) of
24 the income standard of eligibility under sub-
25 section (c)(1).

1 “(B) LIMITATIONS.—The standard deduc-
2 tion for each household in the 48 contiguous
3 States and the District of Columbia, Alaska,
4 Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the
5 United States under subparagraph (A) shall not
6 be—

7 “(i) less than \$134, \$229, \$189,
8 \$269, and \$118, respectively; or

9 “(ii) more than the applicable percent-
10 age specified in subparagraph (C) of the
11 income standard of eligibility established
12 under section (c)(1) for a household of 6
13 members.

14 “(C) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—The ap-
15 plicable percentage referred to in subpara-
16 graphs (A) and (B) shall be—

17 “(i) for fiscal year 2002, 8 percent;

18 “(ii) for fiscal year 2003, 8.5 percent;

19 “(iii) for fiscal year 2004, 9 percent;

20 “(iv) for fiscal year 2005, 9.5 percent;

21 and

22 “(v) for each subsequent fiscal year,
23 10 percent.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on—

1 (1) July 1, 2002; or

2 (2) October 1, 2002, if the State agency (as de-
3 fined in section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
4 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) involved elects to make such
5 amendment effective on such later date.

6 **SEC. 4. ENCOURAGEMENT OF COLLECTION OF CHILD SUP-**
7 **PORT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(e)(2) of the Food
9 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “AND CHILD SUPPORT” after
11 “INCOME”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (A) by—

13 (A) striking “DEFINITION OF” and all that
14 follows through “not include” and inserting
15 “LIMITATION ON DEDUCTION.—The deduction
16 in this paragraph shall not apply to”;

17 (B) striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

18 (C) striking the period at the end of clause

19 (ii) and inserting “; or”; and

20 (D) adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) child support received to the ex-
22 tent of any reduction in public assistance
23 to the household as a result of receiving
24 such support.”; and

25 (3) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (A) by striking “with earned income”; and

2 (B) by striking “of all” and all that follows
3 through the period at the end, and inserting the
4 following:

5 “of the sum of—

6 “(i) all earned income; and

7 “(ii) child support received from an
8 identified or putative parent of a child in
9 the household if that parent is not a house-
10 hold member.”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
12 this section shall take effect on—

13 (1) July 1, 2002; or

14 (2) October 1, 2002, if the State agency (as de-
15 fined in section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
16 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) involved elects to make such
17 amendment effective on such later date.

18 **SEC. 5. MINIMUM FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT.**

19 Section 8(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
20 U.S.C. 2017(a)) is amended by striking “shall be \$10 per
21 month.” and inserting “shall be—

22 “(1) for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003,
23 \$15 per month;

24 “(2) for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005,
25 \$20 per month;

1 “(3) for fiscal year 2006, \$25 per month;
2 “(4) for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent
3 fiscal year, the minimum allotment under paragraph
4 (3), adjusted on each October 1 to reflect the per-
5 centage change in the cost of the thrifty food plan
6 (as adjusted under section 3(o) without regard to
7 paragraphs (1) through (4) of such section) during
8 the period beginning on June 30, 2005, and ending
9 on the most recent June 30 preceding such fiscal
10 year, rounded to the nearest lower dollar incre-
11 ment.”.

12 **SEC. 6. TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS OPTION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act
14 of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following:

16 “(s) TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS OPTION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may provide tran-
18 sitional food stamp benefits to a household that is
19 no longer eligible to receive cash assistance under a
20 State program funded under part A of title IV of the
21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

22 “(2) TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS PERIOD.—Under
23 paragraph (1), a household may continue to receive
24 food stamp benefits for a period of not more than

1 6 months after the date on which cash assistance is
2 terminated.

3 “(3) AMOUNT.—During the transitional bene-
4 fits period under paragraph (2), a household shall
5 receive an amount equal to the allotment received in
6 the month immediately preceding the date on which
7 cash assistance is terminated, adjusted for—

8 “(A) the change in household income as a
9 result of the termination of cash assistance; and

10 “(B) any changes in circumstances that
11 may result in an increase in the food stamp al-
12 lotment of the household and that the house-
13 hold elects to report (as verified in accordance
14 with standards established by the Secretary).

15 “(4) DETERMINATION OF FUTURE ELIGI-
16 BILITY.—In the final month of the transitional bene-
17 fits period under paragraph (2), the State agency
18 may—

19 “(A) require a household to cooperate in a
20 redetermination of eligibility to receive uninter-
21 rupted benefits after the transitional benefits
22 period; and

23 “(B) renew eligibility for a new certifi-
24 cation period for the household without regard

1 to whether the previous certification period has
2 expired.

3 “(5) LIMITATION.—A household sanctioned
4 under section 6 shall not be eligible for transitional
5 benefits under this subsection.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) Section 3 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
8 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended by striking subsection
9 (c) and inserting the following:

10 “(c) CERTIFICATION PERIOD.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—‘Certification period’ means
12 the period for which households shall be eligible to
13 receive benefits under this Act.

14 “(2) DURATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification period
16 shall not exceed 12 months, except that—

17 “(i) a certification period may be up
18 to 24 months if all adult household mem-
19 bers are elderly or disabled; and

20 “(ii) a certification period may be ex-
21 tended during the transitional benefits pe-
22 riod under section 11(s).

23 “(B) EXTENSION.—The certification pe-
24 riod may be extended to the end of a transi-

1 tional benefits period established by a State
2 under section 11(s).

3 “(3) CONTACT.—A State agency shall have at
4 least 1 contact with each certified household—

5 “(A) at least once every 12 months; or

6 “(B) in a case in which the household is in
7 a transitional benefits period under section
8 11(s), within the 6-month period beginning on
9 the date on which cash assistance is termi-
10 nated.”.

11 (2) Section 6(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
12 (7 U.S.C. 2015(c)) is amended by striking “No
13 household” and inserting “Except in a case in which
14 a household is receiving transitional benefits during
15 the transitional benefits period under section 11(s),
16 no household”.

17 **SEC. 7. FOOD STAMP INFORMATION.**

18 (a) TRAINING MATERIALS; NUTRITION INFORMA-
19 TION.—Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
20 U.S.C. 2020) (as amended by section 6) is amended by
21 adding at the end the following:

22 “(t) RESOURCES FOR STATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES.—
23 Of funds made available under the 1st sentence of section
24 18(a) for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, \$1,000,000 in
25 the aggregate shall be expended by the Secretary—

1 “(1) to develop, in partnership with State agen-
2 cies, training materials, guidebooks, and other re-
3 sources for use by employees of State agencies that
4 focus on issues of access and eligibility under the
5 food stamp program; and

6 “(2) to make such materials, such guidebooks,
7 and such other resources available in appropriate
8 formats to State agencies for such use.

9 “(u) NUTRITION INFORMATION.—The Secretary
10 shall maintain a toll-free information number for individ-
11 uals to call to obtain information concerning the nutrition
12 programs.”.

13 (b) INTER-PROGRAM COORDINATION OF APPLICA-
14 TION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS.—Section 17 of the
15 Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by
16 striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

17 “(e) PILOT PROJECTS FOR INTER-PROGRAM COORDI-
18 NATION OF APPLICATION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
20 the Federal shares of funds to States to carry out
21 pilot projects under paragraph (2) to improve the
22 application and verification process for low-income
23 working households to participate in the food stamp
24 program.

25 “(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

1 “(A) INTER-PROGRAM APPLICATION PROC-
2 ESS.—

3 “(i) APPLICATION AT ONE-STOP DE-
4 LIVERY CENTERS.—The Secretary shall
5 provide funding to not more than 5 States
6 to conduct pilot projects to improve inter-
7 program coordination by co-locating em-
8 ployees and automated systems necessary
9 to accept complete initial processing of ap-
10 plications for assistance under this Act at
11 centers in one-stop delivery systems estab-
12 lished under section 134(c) of the Work-
13 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
14 2864(c)).

15 “(ii) APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE
16 UNDER MEDICAID/SCHIP.—The Secretary
17 shall provide funding to not more than 5
18 States to conduct pilot projects to improve
19 inter-program coordination by co-locating
20 employees and automated systems nec-
21 essary to accept complete initial processing
22 of applications for assistance under this
23 Act at locations where applications are re-
24 ceived for assistance under titles XIX and

1 XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 1396 et seq. and 1397aa et seq.).

3 “(B) INTER-PROGRAM VERIFICATION
4 PROCESS.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
6 shall provide funding to not more than 5
7 States to conduct pilot projects to reduce
8 administrative burdens on low-income
9 working households by coordinating, to the
10 maximum extent practicable, verification
11 practices under this Act and verification
12 practices under titles XIX and XXI of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
14 seq. and 1397aa et seq.).

15 “(ii) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to
16 conduct a pilot project under clause (i), a
17 State must have an automation system
18 with the capacity to verify through elec-
19 tronic records the most common sources of
20 incomes under this Act and titles XIX and
21 XXI of the Social Security Act.

22 “(iii) ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-
23 retary and the Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services shall adjust procedures
25 under this Act and titles XIX and XXI of

1 the Social Security Act, to the extent each
2 of the Secretaries determines appropriate,
3 to facilitate pilot projects under clause (i).

4 “(3) PREFERENCES.—In selecting pilot projects
5 under this subsection, the Secretary shall provide a
6 preference to projects that—

7 “(A) operate in rural areas; or

8 “(B) benefit low-income households resid-
9 ing in remote rural areas.

10 “(4) WAIVER.—To reduce travel and paperwork
11 burdens on eligible households, the Secretary may
12 waive requirements under sections 6(c) and 11(e)(3)
13 for pilot projects conducted under this subsection.

14 “(5) EVALUATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.—Any
15 State conducting a pilot project under this sub-
16 section shall provide to the Secretary, in accordance
17 with standards established by the Secretary, an eval-
18 uation of the effectiveness of the project.

19 “(6) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under
20 the first sentence of section 18(a) for each of fiscal
21 years 2002 and 2003, the Secretary shall use—

22 “(A) \$10,000,000 to pay 75 percent of the
23 additional costs incurred by State agencies to
24 conduct pilot projects under paragraph 2(A);
25 and

1 “(B) \$500,000 to pay 75 percent of the
2 costs of evaluating pilot projects conducted
3 under paragraph 2(B).”.

4 (c) INNOVATIVE PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES.—Sec-
5 tion 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(1) INNOVATIVE OUT-OF-OFFICE APPLICATION AND
8 PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
10 duct demonstration projects to evaluate the feasi-
11 bility and desirability of allowing eligible households
12 to participate in the food stamp program through
13 the use of the Internet and telephones instead of
14 through in-office visits and interviews.

15 “(2) PREFERENCES.—The Secretary shall pro-
16 vide a preference under this subsection to projects
17 that—

18 “(A)(i) are conducted in rural areas; or

19 “(ii) serve eligible households in remote lo-
20 cations; and

21 “(B) are collaborative efforts between
22 State agencies and nonprofit community
23 groups.

24 “(m) GRANTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND TECH-
25 NOLOGY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
2 grants to State agencies and nonprofit organizations
3 to conduct projects to improve access to the food
4 stamp program through partnerships and innovative
5 technology.

6 “(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under this
7 subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to
8 projects that focus on households with low food
9 stamp participation.

10 “(n) GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND
11 INNOVATIVE OUTREACH STRATEGIES.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
13 tablish a program to award grants to eligible organi-
14 zations described in paragraph (2)—

15 “(A) to develop and test innovative strate-
16 gies to ensure that low-income needy eligible
17 households that contain 1 or more members
18 that are former or current recipients of benefits
19 under a State program established under part
20 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) continue to receive benefits
22 under this Act if the households meet the re-
23 quirements of this Act;

24 “(B) to help ensure that households that
25 have applied for benefits under a State program

1 established under part A of title IV of the So-
2 cial Security Act, but that did not receive the
3 benefits because of State requirements or ineli-
4 gibility for the benefits, are aware of the avail-
5 ability of, and are provided assistance in receiv-
6 ing, benefits under this Act if the households
7 meet the requirements of this Act;

8 “(C) to conduct outreach to households
9 with earned income that is at or above the in-
10 come eligibility limits for benefits under a State
11 program established under part A of title IV of
12 the Social Security Act if the households meet
13 the requirements of this Act; and

14 “(D) to conduct outreach to households
15 with children if the households meet the re-
16 quirements of this Act.

17 “(2) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Grants under para-
19 graph (1) may be provided to—

20 “(i) food banks, food rescue organiza-
21 tions, faith-based organizations, and other
22 organizations that supply food to low-in-
23 come households;

24 “(ii) schools, school districts, health
25 clinics, non-profit day care centers, Head

1 Start agencies under the Head Start Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), Healthy Start
3 agencies under section 301 of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241), and
5 State agencies and local agencies providing
6 assistance under the special supplemental
7 nutrition program for women, infants, and
8 children established under section 17 of
9 the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
10 U.S.C. 1786);

11 “(iii) local agencies that operate child
12 nutrition programs (as those terms are de-
13 fined in section 25(b) of the Richard B.
14 Russell National School Lunch Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1769f(b)); and

16 “(iv) other organizations designated
17 by the Secretary.

18 “(B) GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF
19 RECIPIENTS.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.— Subject to clause
21 (ii), the Secretary shall select, from all eli-
22 gible applications, at least 1 recipient to
23 receive a grant under this subsection
24 from—

1 “(I) each region of the Depart-
2 ment of Agriculture; and

3 “(II) in addition to recipients se-
4 lected under subclause (I), each rural
5 or urban area determined to be appro-
6 priate by the Secretary.

7 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary
8 shall not be required to award grants
9 based on the geographical guidelines under
10 clause (i) to the extent that the Secretary
11 determines that an insufficient number of
12 eligible grant applications has been re-
13 ceived.

14 “(3) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall develop
15 criteria for awarding grants under paragraph (1)
16 that are based on—

17 “(A) the demonstrated record of an organi-
18 zation in serving low-income households;

19 “(B) the ability of an organization to reach
20 hard-to-serve households;

21 “(C) the level of innovation in the pro-
22 posals submitted in the application of an orga-
23 nization for a grant; and

1 “(D) the development of partnerships be-
2 tween the public and private sector entities and
3 the community.

4 “(4) ADMINISTRATION.—

5 “(A) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more
6 than 5 percent of the funds made available for
7 the grant program under paragraph (5) shall be
8 used by the Secretary for administrative costs
9 incurred in carrying out this subsection.

10 “(B) PROGRAM EVALUATIONS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
12 shall conduct evaluations of programs
13 funded by grants under this subsection.

14 “(ii) LIMITATION.—Not more than 20
15 percent of funds made available for the
16 grant program under paragraph (5) shall
17 be used for program evaluations under
18 clause (i).

19 “(5) FUNDING.—Of funds made available under
20 the first sentence of section 18(a) for each of fiscal
21 years 2002 and 2003, the Secretary shall use
22 \$10,000,000 to carry out the grant program under
23 this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDI-**
2 **TIONAL COMMODITIES UNDER EMERGENCY**
3 **FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 214 of the Emergency Food Assistance Act
5 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7515) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other
9 funds that are made available to carry out this sec-
10 tion, there are authorized to be appropriated to pur-
11 chase and make available additional commodities
12 under this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal
13 years 2002 through 2006.

14 “(2) DIRECT EXPENSES.—Not less than 50
15 percent of the amount made available under para-
16 graph (1) shall be used to pay direct expenses (as
17 defined in section 204(a)(2)) incurred by emergency
18 feeding organizations to distribute additional com-
19 modities to needy persons.”.

20 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and
22 the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the
23 1st day of the 1st month beginning more than 60 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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