

H.R. 8337 Continuing Resolution Summary

Resource – Bill Summary

The Feeding America Government Relations Team is providing a summary of the nutrition provisions and other key provisions of the Continuing Resolution legislation that passed the House on September 22, the Senate on September 30, and signed by the President.

Continuing Resolution - Summary of Nutrition and Other Provisions

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The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act would fund all federal government departments and agencies at fiscal year 2020 at appropriated levels through December 11, 2020, as well as provide certain additional funding and program extensions.

The text of the Continuing Resolution legislation, H.R. 8337, is [here](#). A section-by-section summary from the House Committee on Appropriations is [here](#).

Nutrition Provisions

The bill provides an additional \$8 billion in needed nutrition assistance, a critical down payment on what is needed to address the rising hunger crisis associated with the pandemic. It does not contain an increase in SNAP benefits, the most efficient and effective way to help people facing hunger. Below is a summary of key nutrition programs funded in the legislation.

Pandemic EBT:

- Improves the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program and extends it through September 30, 2021. The improvements would allow benefits to be provided to children in schools with reduced days or hours in addition to those that are closed at least 5 days, extend the program to cover young children who are missing meals in child care centers through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, allow Puerto Rico and US Territories to implement the program, and provide funding to cover state administrative costs. (Section 4601)

SNAP:

- Allows states to extend key administrative and operational flexibilities through September 30, 2021 necessary for operators and recipients to safely operate and



access the program. This includes extending certification periods, adjusting reporting requirements, simplifying the recertification process, and extending interview flexibilities. (Section 4603)

- The bill does not contain the needed boost to the SNAP maximum benefit amount by at least 15 percent for the duration of the pandemic as Feeding America continues to support.

Child Nutrition & WIC:

- Extends USDA's authority until September 30, 2021 to approve waivers related to child nutrition and WIC program flexibilities previously made available through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act – including nationwide child nutrition waivers related to operation of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO), area eligibility, non-congregate feeding, and many other waivers critical to ensuring children are able to access meals. USDA must still act with this newly extended authority to approve additional waivers and extensions.
- Guarantees enough funding to cover costs associated with any waiver granted with this authority. (Section 4602)

Summer EBT:

- Provides funding to ensure the Summer EBT program is fully operational for the summer of 2021.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP):

- Provides continued funding for CSFP to cover current caseload.

Other Provisions

- Replenishes the Commodity Credit Corporation in order to continue to make payments to farmers, and adds accountability in the program by preventing these funds from being used for oil refiners. (Section 4604)
- The bill contains no tax provisions, does not provide additional funding for the U.S. Postal Service for anticipated incremental expenses related to the 2020 election, and does not extend beyond September 30 the deadline for completing 2020 Census data collection, as Feeding America has supported.

