

HEALS Act Bill Summary

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The Feeding America Government Relations Team is providing a legislative summary of the 1 trillion dollar Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools Act (HEALS Act).

HEALS Act Bill Summary of Nutrition and Other Provisions

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Nutrition Provisions

The bill includes nothing on nutrition programs.

SNAP:

- Does not increase the SNAP maximum benefit.
- Does not increase the SNAP minimum benefit from \$16 to \$30.
- Does not block harmful SNAP rules.

TEFAP:

- Does not increase funding for TEFAP food purchases or storage and distribution.
- Does not provide the necessary cold storage and transportation capacity support.

Child Nutrition:

- Does not extend Pandemic-EBT authority.

Other Provisions

- Provides \$20 billion for USDA to support agriculture producers, growers and processors impacted by COVID-19
- Reduces unemployment insurance from \$600 a week to \$200 a week until October, and then changes to 70% of prior wages capped at \$500 a week for workers.
- Provides stimulus checks of \$1,200 for people who make less than \$75,000 a year (benefits taper off completely at \$99,000, and many in immigrant households are excluded from aid).



- Provides \$190 billion for a second round of Payment Protection Program (PPP) available to businesses with 300 employees or less.
- Provides additional funds to states through a TANF Coronavirus Emergency Fund to cover 80 percent of the increased costs of providing cash assistance and other short-term support through TANF, capped at \$2 billion.
- Does not include broad-based fiscal support for states and localities, and no additional funding for Medicaid.
- Does not include extension of eviction moratorium.
- Provides 105 billion for education with two-thirds of funding reserved for schools reopening with in-person instruction.

