

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 On page 65, strike line 24 and insert the following:

2 “(C) ACREAGE.—Of the acres

3 On page 66, line 2, insert “not less than” before

4 “40”.

5 On page 79, line 10, strike “MAINTENANCE” and in-

6 sert “MANAGEMENT”.

7 On page 82, line 9, insert “not less than” before

8 “15”.

- 1 On page 114, line 1, insert “the” before “applicable”.

- 2 On page 146, line 12, strike “ACEQUAIS” and insert
3 “ACEQUIAS”.

- 4 On page 196, line 3, strike “National” and insert
5 “Natural”.

- 6 On page 198, line 1, strike “or” and insert “of”.

- 7 On page 237, line 17, insert opening quotation marks
8 before “that—”.

- 9 On page 240, strike lines 5 through 10.

- 10 On page 242, line 3, strike “90” and insert “80”.

- 11 On page 257, line 18, strike “subsection” and insert
12 “paragraph”.

- 13 On page 257, line 22, insert “and” after the semi-
14 colon.

1 On page 257, line 23, strike “; and” and insert a
2 period.

3 On page 257, strike lines 24 and 25.

4 On page 270, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert
5 the following:

6 (aa) in subclause (III), by
7 striking “September 30, 2018”
8 and inserting the following: “Sep-
9 tember 30, 2023, for—

10 “(aa) the continuation of
11 pilot projects being carried out
12 under this subparagraph as of
13 the date of enactment of the Ag-
14 riculture Improvement Act of
15 2018, if the pilot projects meet
16 the limitations described in sub-
17 clause (II); and

18 “(bb) additional pilot
19 projects authorized under clause
20 (x).”; and

21 On page 271, strike lines 13 through 18 and insert
22 the following:

1 program administration and
2 is cooperating to make avail-
3 able State data on the em-
4 ployment activities and post-
5 participation employment,
6 earnings, and public benefit
7 receipt of participants to en-
8 sure proper and timely eval-
9 uation.

10 “(bb) REPORTING.—If the
11 Secretary determines not to con-
12 duct an independent longitudinal
13 evaluation under item (aa), sub-
14 ject to such terms and conditions
15 as the Secretary determines to be
16 appropriate and not less fre-
17 quently than annually, each State
18 agency participating in a pilot
19 project carried out under this
20 clause shall submit to the Sec-
21 retary a report that describes the
22 results of the pilot project.

23 On page 273, line 13, strike the second period.

1 On page 274, strike lines 8 through 17 and insert
2 the following:

3 training, or workforce activities.”; and

4 On page 279, line 15, strike “and” and insert “or”.

5 On page 290, lines 8 through 10, strike “or by any
6 agent or contractor of a benefit issuer” and insert “, or
7 by any agent or contractor when acting on behalf of such
8 benefit issuer, to a third party”.

9 On page 290, line 12, strike “a” and insert “the”.

10 On page 290, line 19, strike “2023” and insert
11 “2022”.

12 On page 292, line 18, insert “, agent, or contractor”
13 before “of the benefit”.

14 On page 293, line 23, strike “and” and insert “or”.

15 On page 295, line 14, strike “and” and insert “or”.

1 On page 295, line 25, insert “, agents, or contrac-
2 tors” before “of benefit”.

3 On page 300, line 22, strike the period and insert
4 a semicolon.

5 On page 300, line 23, strike “Any” and insert “any”.

6 On page 301, line 4, strike the period and insert “;
7 and”.

8 On page 301, line 5, strike “The” and insert “the”.

9 On page 301, line 7, strike the period and insert a
10 semicolon.

11 On page 301, line 8, strike “Whether” and insert
12 “whether”.

13 On page 301, line 10, strike the period and insert
14 a semicolon.

15 On page 301, line 11, strike “The” and insert “the”.

1 On page 301, line 15, strike “The” and insert “the”.

2 On page 306, lines 4 and 5, strike “; and” and insert
3 a period.

4 On page 306, line 8, insert “(as amended by section
5 4103(c)(2)(C))” before “is amended”.

6 On page 306, line 10, strike “(m)” and insert “(l)”.

7 On page 327, lines 6 through 8, strike “subsection
8 (c) of section 27 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
9 (7 U.S.C. 2036)” and insert “paragraph (5)”.

10 On page 329, line 7, strike the closing quotation
11 marks and the following period.

12 On page 329, between lines 7 and 8, insert the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(5) FUNDING.—Out of funds not otherwise
15 appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
16 transfer to the Secretary to carry out this subsection
17 \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
18 2023, to remain available until the end of the subse-
19 quent fiscal year.”.

1 Beginning on page 329, strike line 19 and all that
2 follows through page 331, line 5, and insert the following:

3 (e) AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES FOR THE EMER-
4 GENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—Section 27(a) of
5 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2018” and
8 inserting “2023”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
11 “2018” and inserting “2023”;

12 (B) in subparagraph (D)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
14 by striking “2018” and inserting “2023”;

15 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “and”
16 after the semicolon;

17 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “and”
18 after the semicolon;

19 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(v) for fiscal year 2019,
22 \$20,000,000;

23 “(vi) for fiscal year 2020,
24 \$23,000,000;

1 “(vii) for fiscal year 2021,
2 \$24,000,000;

3 “(viii) for fiscal year 2022,
4 \$25,000,000; and

5 “(ix) for fiscal year 2023,
6 \$25,000,000; and”; and

7 (C) in subparagraph (E)—

8 (i) by striking “2019” and inserting
9 “2024”;

10 (ii) by striking “(D)(iv)” and insert-
11 ing “(D)(ix)”; and

12 (iii) by striking “June 30, 2017” and
13 inserting “June 30, 2023”.

14 On page 350, line 11, strike the third close paren-
15 thesis.

16 On page 350, lines 17 and 18, strike “a report de-
17 scribing the results of”.

18 On page 350, line 20, strike “an evaluation of”.

19 On page 364, line 15, strike “2018” and insert
20 “2019”.

1 On page 513, strike lines 4 and 5 and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (3) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2018”
5 and inserting “2023”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Alaska”
7 and inserting “Alaska, and not more than 2
8 percent of the amount made available under
9 paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used by
10 a consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of
11 the Department of the Interior and Related
12 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law
13 105–83; 111 Stat. 1597),”.

14 On page 518, lines 20 and 21, strike “(2) and (3)”
15 and insert “(2), (3), and (4)”.

16 On page 519, line 15, strike the closing quotation
17 marks and following period.

18 On page 519, between lines 15 and 16, insert the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(4) ELIGIBILITY.—Funding under paragraph
21 (1) shall be granted only for eligible projects de-

1 scribed in section 601(d)(2) of the Rural Electrifica-
2 tion Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb(d)(2)).”.

3 On page 528, strike lines 11 and 12 and insert the
4 following:

5 (7 U.S.C. 902(a)) is amended by striking “loans in” and
6 inserting “loans, or refinance loans made by the Secretary
7 under this Act, in”.

8 On page 532, strike lines 24 and 25 and insert the
9 following:

10 striking “basis” and all that follows through
11 the period at the end and inserting “basis, if
12 the proceeds of the bonds or notes are used to
13 make utility infrastructure loans, or refinance
14 bonds or notes issued for those purposes, to a
15 borrower that has at any time received, or is el-
16 igible to receive, a loan under this Act.”; and

17 Beginning on page 562, strike line 3 and all that fol-
18 lows through page 563, line 10, and insert the following:

19 **SEC. 7102. MATTERS RELATING TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DES-**
20 **IGNATIONS AND DECLARATIONS.**

21 (a) STUDY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL
22 SCIENCES.—Section 1404(14) of the National Agricul-

1 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
2 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103(14)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
4 the following:

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

6 “(i) DEFINITION.—The terms
7 ‘NLGCA Institution’ and ‘non-land-grant
8 college of agriculture’ mean a public col-
9 lege or university offering a baccalaureate
10 or higher degree in the study of agricul-
11 tural sciences, forestry, or both in any area
12 of study described in clause (ii).

13 “(ii) CLARIFICATION.—An area of
14 study referred to in clause (i) may include
15 any of the following:

16 “(I) Agriculture.

17 “(II) Agricultural business and
18 management.

19 “(III) Agricultural economics.

20 “(IV) Agricultural mechaniza-
21 tion.

22 “(V) Agricultural production op-
23 erations.

24 “(VI) Aquaculture.

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1 “(VII) Agricultural and food
2 products processing.

3 “(VIII) Agricultural and domes-
4 tic animal services.

5 “(IX) Equestrian or equine stud-
6 ies.

7 “(X) Applied horticulture or hor-
8 ticulture operations.

9 “(XI) Ornamental horticulture.

10 “(XII) Greenhouse operations
11 and management.

12 “(XIII) Turf and turfgrass man-
13 agement.

14 “(XIV) Plant nursery operations
15 and management.

16 “(XV) Floriculture or floristry
17 operations and management.

18 “(XVI) International agriculture.

19 “(XVII) Agricultural public serv-
20 ices.

21 “(XVIII) Agricultural and exten-
22 sion education services.

23 “(XIX) Agricultural communica-
24 tion or agricultural journalism.

25 “(XX) Animal sciences.

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- 1 “(XXI) Food science.
- 2 “(XXII) Plant sciences.
- 3 “(XXIII) Soil sciences.
- 4 “(XXIV) Forestry.
- 5 “(XXV) Forest sciences and biol-
- 6 ogy.
- 7 “(XXVI) Natural resources or
- 8 conservation.
- 9 “(XXVII) Natural resources
- 10 management and policy.
- 11 “(XXVIII) Natural resource eco-
- 12 nomics.
- 13 “(XXIX) Urban forestry.
- 14 “(XXX) Wood science and wood
- 15 products or pulp or paper technology.
- 16 “(XXXI) Range science and
- 17 management.
- 18 “(XXXII) Agricultural engineer-
- 19 ing.
- 20 “(XXXIII) Any other area, as
- 21 determined appropriate by the Sec-
- 22 retary.”; and

23 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
2 inserting “any institution designated under”
3 after “include”;

4 (B) by striking clause (i); and

5 (C) in clause (ii)—

6 (i) by striking “(ii) any institution
7 designated under—”;

8 (ii) by striking subclause (IV);

9 (iii) in subclause (II), by adding “or”
10 at the end;

11 (iv) in subclause (III), by striking “;
12 or” at the end and inserting a period; and

13 (v) by redesignating subclauses (I),
14 (II), and (III) (as so amended) as clauses
15 (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively, and indent-
16 ing appropriately.

17 (b) DESIGNATION REVIEW.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 shall establish a process to review each designated
21 NLGCA Institution (as defined in section
22 1404(14)(A) of the National Agricultural Research,
23 Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
24 U.S.C. 3103(14)(A))) to ensure compliance with
25 that section (as amended by subsection (a)).

1 (2) VIOLATION.—If the Secretary determines
2 under paragraph (1) that an NLGCA Institution is
3 not in compliance with section 1404(14)(A) of the
4 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
5 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103(14)(A))
6 (as amended by subsection (a)), the designation of
7 that NLGCA Institution shall be revoked.

8 On page 587, line 23, strike “and”.

9 On page 588, line 2, strike the period and insert “;
10 and”.

11 On page 588, between lines 2 and 3, insert the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(C) to ensure that the United States
14 maintains a technological lead in developing and
15 deploying advanced agricultural technologies
16 that increase economic opportunities for farm-
17 ers, ranchers, and rural communities.

18 On page 595, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert the
19 following:

20 “(2) FUNDING.—

1 “(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
2 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
3 to the Fund \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
4 years 2019 through 2023, to remain available
5 until expended.

6 “(B) OTHER FUNDS.—In addition to the
7 amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A),
8 the Fund may accept amounts from other
9 sources—

10 “(i) including private sector, non-
11 governmental, or non-Federal entities; and

12 “(ii) excluding the Commodity Credit
13 Corporation.

14 On page 628, between lines 14 and 15, insert the fol-
15 lowing:

16 **SEC. 7301. NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY TRAINING, EDUCATION,**
17 **EXTENSION, OUTREACH, AND TECHNICAL AS-**
18 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

19 Section 405(j) of the Agricultural Research, Exten-
20 sion, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C.
21 7625(j)) is amended by striking “there are authorized”
22 and all that follows through the period at the end and
23 inserting “there is authorized to be appropriated
24 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.”.

1 On page 671, line 8, insert “forest” before “land-
2 scapes”.

3 On page 716, line 15, strike “(8) and (9)” and insert
4 “(7) and (8)”.

5 On page 716, line 21, add closing quotation marks
6 and a period at the end.

7 Beginning on page 716, strike line 22 and all that
8 follows through page 717, line 18.

9 On page 769, between lines 17 and 18, insert the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(C) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
13 vided in clause (ii), an eligible entity may
14 not use a grant for the purchase or con-
15 struction of a building, general purpose
16 equipment, or structure.

17 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—An eligible entity
18 may use not more than \$6,500 of the
19 amount of a grant for an eligible activity
20 described in paragraph (2)(J) to purchase

1 or upgrade equipment to improve food
2 safety.

3 On page 769, line 18, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

4 On page 828, line 10, strike “\$1000” and insert
5 “\$1,000”.

6 On page 837, lines 2 and 3, strike “this subpara-
7 graph” and insert “the Agriculture Improvement Act of
8 2018”.

9 On page 881, line 2, insert a semicolon after
10 “2279”.

11 On page 882, strike lines 13 through 17 and insert
12 the following:

13 (2) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), (c),
14 (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i) as subsections (e), (j), (o),
15 (k), (a), (l), (m), and (n), respectively, and moving
16 the subsections so as to appear in alphabetical order;

17 On page 882, line 18, strike “(4)” and insert “(3)”.

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- 1 On page 882, line 21, strike “(5)” and insert “(4)”.
- 2 On page 883, line 20, strike “(6)” and insert “(5)”.
- 3 On page 884, line 6, strike “(7)” and insert “(6)”.
- 4 On page 884, line 7, strike “(4)” and insert “(3)”.
- 5 On page 888, line 3, strike “(8)” and insert “(7)”.
- 6 On page 893, line 21, strike “(9)” and insert “(8)”.
- 7 On page 897, line 3, strike “(10)” and insert “(9)”.
- 8 On page 897, line 6, strike “(11)” and insert “(10)”.
- 9 On page 897, line 7, strike “(o)” and insert “(p)”.
- 10 On page 897, line 25, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.
- 11 On page 946, line 22, strike “Secretary” and insert
12 “Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights”.

