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To provide healthy food options in military commissaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide healthy food options in military commissaries, and for other purposes.

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 “Healthy Commissaries,
5 Healthy Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HEALTHY FOODS TO COM-**
7 **MISSARIES.**

8 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Director of the De-
9 fense Commissary Agency shall carry out a program to

1 increase the availability, visibility, affordability, and pro-
2 motion of healthy foods at commissaries located in the
3 United States in accordance with this section.

4 (b) DIRECTOR OF HEALTHY FOODS.—The Director
5 of the Defense Commissary Agency shall appoint an offi-
6 cer or employee of the Defense Commissary Agency to
7 serve as the Director of Healthy Foods for commissaries.

8 (c) PLAN.—

9 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
12 of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of
13 Agriculture, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
14 sional committees a plan to improve the availability
15 of healthy foods at commissaries located in the
16 United States. Such plan shall include—

17 (A) a strategy and timeline for the avail-
18 ability of healthy foods at commissaries;

19 (B) an identification of actions that will be
20 taken to incorporate the use of local farmers
21 and farmers markets in the provision of healthy
22 foods to commissaries;

23 (C) an identification of actions and re-
24 sources necessary to accomplish the items de-

1 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (6) of sub-
2 section (d); and

3 (D) any recommendations of the Secretary
4 for administrative or legislative action to im-
5 prove the availability of healthy foods at com-
6 missaries and accomplish the items described in
7 paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (d).

8 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after
9 the date of the submission of the plan required by
10 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-
11 retary of Health and Human Services, and the Sec-
12 retary of Agriculture shall provide a briefing on such
13 plan to the appropriate congressional committees.

14 (d) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.—Not later than
15 180 days after the date of the submission of the plan re-
16 quired by subsection (c)(1), the Secretary of Defense, Sec-
17 retary of Health and Human Services, and Secretary of
18 Agriculture shall jointly establish procedures to improve
19 healthy food options at commissaries, including procedures
20 to—

21 (1) coordinate nutrition research;

22 (2) share best practices for procuring healthy
23 foods and related items;

24 (3) increase the availability of healthy foods at
25 commissaries;

1 (4) identify farmers, farmers markets, and
2 other community entities located near commissaries
3 that can assist in making healthy foods available at
4 commissaries;

5 (5) promote nutrition education and informa-
6 tion for military families; and

7 (6) share relevant data among the Department
8 of Defense, the Department of Health and Human
9 Services, and the Department of Agriculture.

10 (e) COMMUNITY OUTREACH.—The Director of
11 Healthy Foods, in consultation with designees of the Sec-
12 retary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary
13 of Agriculture, shall conduct outreach to agricultural pro-
14 ducers, farmers markets, and farmers within the local area
15 of a commissary to identify opportunities to increase par-
16 ticipation by such producers, farmers markets, and farm-
17 ers in providing healthy foods at commissaries.

18 (f) PUBLIC RESOURCES.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the submission of the plan required by
20 subsection (c)(1), the Director of the Defense Commissary
21 Agency shall make publicly available on the website of the
22 Defense Commissary Agency resources relating to healthy
23 foods specific to each commissary location, including iden-
24 tification of farms, farmers markets, and other healthy
25 food resources available near each such location.

1 (g) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the submission of the plan required by subsection
3 (c)(1), the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
4 Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Sec-
5 retary of Agriculture, shall submit to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees a report on the implementation of
7 this section, including—

8 (1) the implementation such plan;

9 (2) outreach conducted under subsection (e);

10 (3) the availability of healthy foods at com-
11 missaries, any sales trends or consumer demands re-
12 lated to such availability, the cost of making such
13 healthy foods available, any challenges in procuring
14 such healthy foods, and an estimate of the satisfac-
15 tion of military families with such healthy foods; and
16 (4) any recommendations of the Secretary of
17 Defense for administrative or legislative action with
18 respect to the implementation of such plan.

19 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committees on Armed Services of
24 the House of Representatives and the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committee
3 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
4 Senate; and

5 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
6 merce of the House of Representatives and the
7 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
8 Pensions of the Senate.

9 (2) HEALTHY FOOD.—The term “healthy food”
10 means food consistent with the most recent dietary
11 guidelines published in accordance with section
12 301(a) of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Re-
13 lated Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341(a)).

14 (i) TERMINATION.—The requirements of this section
15 shall terminate on December 31, 2030