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**Comparison of Highlights of the
Senate Hunger-Free Kids Act and
House Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act
June 2010**

	Senate Bill	House Bill
Out of School Time Nutrition Provisions		
Expands the Afterschool Meal Program through the Child and Adult Care Food Program to all states.	X	X
Lowers area eligibility from 50% to 40% for the Summer Food Service Program in rural areas.		X
Creates a year-round program through the Summer Food Service Program in ten states; community based and local government agencies will be able to serve children year-round through SFSP.		X
Extends the California year-round Summer Food Pilot until 2015.	X	
Creates an afterschool supper program through the National School Lunch Program in 5 states.		X
Requires school food authorities to coordinate with Summer Food sponsors on developing and distributing outreach materials.	X	X
Eliminates the requirement that private non-profit Summer Food sponsors serve no more than 25 sites with no more than 300 children.	X	X
School Nutrition Program Provisions		
<i>Paperless options for universal meal service</i>		
Creates a new option that eliminates paper applications and uses <u>direct certification data</u> to determine reimbursement rates for universal meal programs in high-poverty areas.	X	
Establishes a demonstration project to use <u>census data</u> to determine eligibility rates in school districts with high concentrations of low-income children.	X	
Allows schools in high-poverty areas to offer free meals to all students without collecting paper applications; the reimbursement levels will be based either on <u>Census Data, a community survey, or the level of direct certification</u> in each school building.		X

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School Nutrition Program Provisions (continued)		
<i>Improving Direct Certification</i>		
Establishes a demonstration project to test and implement the use of Medicaid for direct certification.	X	
Authorizes the use of Medicaid for direct certification, with a gradual phase-in nationwide over ten years.		X
Sets performance benchmarks for direct certification and provides incentive bonuses to states that show improvement.	X	
Provides performance awards to states that show substantial improvement or outstanding performance in direct certification. Requires improvement plans for states that fail to meet performance expectations for direct certification.		X
Makes foster children automatically eligible for free meals, eliminating the need to complete paper applications for meal programs.	X	X
<i>Policies to prevent stigmatization of low-income kids</i>		
Reasserts that children eligible for free or reduced-price meals cannot be segregated or discriminated against, or overtly identified by special tokens, tickets or other means. Clarifies that children eligible for free meals cannot be denied meals regardless of previous unpaid meal fees. Requires schools to attempt to directly certify children whose families are behind in payment for meals and requires a study of current policies and practices with recommendations for national standards.		X
<i>School Breakfasts</i>		
Provides \$10 million for competitive grants to start and expand school breakfast programs.		X

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School Nutrition Program Provisions (continued)		
<i>Improving school nutrition quality</i>		
Adds a performance-based increase of 6 cents in lunch reimbursement to help schools meet new meal standards for healthier school meals.	X	X
Gives the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to establish national nutrition standards for all foods sold on school campus through the school day.	X	
Gives the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to establish national nutrition standards for all food sold on the school campus throughout the <u>extended school day, including the time before and after school.</u>		X
Directs USDA to develop model product specifications for USDA commodity foods used in school meals.	X	
Provides \$25 million over 5 years in mandatory funding for farm-to-school programs.	X	
Provides \$10 million in competitive grants for farm-to-school programs.		X
Strengthens Local School Wellness Policies by updating policy requirements and requiring opportunities for public input, transparency and an implementation plan.	X	
Strengthens Local School Wellness Policies by providing the <u>Secretary authority to oversee local wellness policies</u> to promote improved implementation and transparency and requiring opportunities for public input.		X
Provides funds for states to carry out nutrition education and wellness promotion activities, including the promotion of student participation in the school meal programs.		X
Allows only lower-fat milk options to be served.	X	X
Ensures that water is available free of charge during the meal service.	X	X
Restores dried fruit as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.		X
Improves school food safety through enhanced requirements, improved recall procedures and additional training for food service staff.		X

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School Nutrition Program Provisions (continued)		
<i>School Food Financing Provisions</i>		
Requires school districts to gradually increase their “paid” meal charges to families until the revenue per meal matches the federal reimbursement per meal for the free meal category.	X	
Ensures that schools are correctly accounting for the costs accrued to school food service for providing non-reimbursable foods and charging prices accordingly.		X
Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide guidance on allowable charges to food service accounts to prevent inappropriate school expenses that are not related to the school meal programs from draining school meal resources.	X	X
Child and Adult Care Food Program Provisions		
<i>Nutrition, Health and Wellness</i>		
Revises the nutrition standards for meals, snacks and beverages to make them consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines.	X	X
Provides education and encouragement in child care centers and homes to provide children with health meals and snacks and daily opportunities for physical activity, and to limit screen time.	X	X
Increases USDA training, technical assistance and educational materials available to child care providers.	X	X
Authorizes ongoing research on nutrition, health and wellness practices, as well as the barriers to CACFP participation in child care settings.	X	
Launches an ongoing study of the nutrition and wellness practices in child care settings.		X
Requires interagency coordination focused on strengthening the role of child care licensing in supporting good nutrition, health and wellness and maximizing the value of CACFP.	X	
Directs USDA and HHS to develop a program to recognize high performing states, sponsors, child care centers and homes promoting nutrition and wellness.		X

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Child and Adult Care Food Program Provisions (continued)		
<i>Nutrition, Health and Wellness (continued)</i>		
Provides \$10 million in funding to USDA for training, technical assistance and materials development.	X	
Provides \$5 million a year for five years for USDA to award competitive CACFP health and wellness grants.		X
Adds the option of serving an additional meal or snack to children who are in child care over 8 hours in up to five states.		X
Enhances program reimbursements by \$5 per home to support CACFP sponsoring organizations in their efforts to sustain family child care providers participation in the food program.		X
<i>Reducing Paperwork and Simplifying Program Requirements</i>		
Eliminates the block claim requirement entirely.	X	X
Allows providers to facilitate the return of participating children's family income forms.	X	X
Allows permanent operating agreements and renewal applications.	X	X
Continues USDA working group to reduce paperwork and improve administration and requires USDA to report the results to Congress.	X	X
Allows the use of middle and high school free and reduced-price school lunch participation levels to determine Tier 1 area eligibility for family child care homes.	X	X
Establishes a simplified method of determining sponsor monthly administrative funding.	X	X
Allows sponsors more flexibility to use their funds effectively from one fiscal year to the next.	X	X

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Child and Adult Care Food Program Provisions (continued)		
<i>Enhances and supports CACFP oversight and auditing</i>		
Requires the federal-state agreement to make clear the expectation that federal funds provided to operate the CN programs be fully utilized for that purpose and excluded from state budget restrictions or limitations, including hiring freezes, work furloughs and travel restrictions. (Also included in the WIC portion of the Senate bill.)	X	X
Allows USDA to increase state audit funds to state agencies up to 2% for use in effectively managing the CACFP program.	X	X
Additional provisions address state agency reviews, unannounced visits to participating programs and disqualification of programs.	X	X
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Provisions		
Allows state WIC agencies the option to certify children for up to one year.	X	X
Promotes breastfeeding by expanding data collection, creating performance bonuses for state agencies and allowing reserve funds to be used to purchase breast pumps. (House bill also allows use of reserve funds to purchase breast pumps.)	X	X
Specifies that the WIC food package should be updated based on scientific review at least every 10 years.	X	
Mandates WIC electronic benefit transfer (EBT) implementation nationwide by October 1, 2020.	X	X
Provides \$14 million for WIC infrastructure and special projects, \$30 million for WIC management information systems, and \$90 million for breastfeeding counselors, performance bonuses and other nutrition education.	X	
Allows state WIC agencies to permit local WIC agencies to share nutrition education materials with CACFP institutions at no cost if a written materials agreement exists between the relevant agencies.	X	X
Gives the Secretary of Agriculture authority to disallow or include food products in the WIC food package based on an assessment of the efficacy of added ingredients and costs.	X	
Changes WIC rebate reporting requirements.	X	
	Senate	House

	Bill	Bill
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Provisions (continued)		
Increases WIC research funding from \$5 million to \$15 million.	X	
Other Child Nutrition Provisions		
Provides \$40 million to conduct research into the causes and consequences of childhood hunger and to develop demonstration projects to end childhood hunger.	X	
Provides \$10 million to conduct research into causes and consequences of hunger and to develop demonstration projects to end childhood hunger.		X
Provides \$50 million for State Childhood Hunger Challenge Grants, competitive grants for use by Governors of states to develop demonstration projects to end childhood hunger.		X
Directs USDA and HHS to establish a research, demonstration and technical assistance program to promote healthy eating and reduce obesity especially among children by applying the principles of behavioral economics research in schools, child care programs and other setting.	X	
Authorizes funding for a commodity program to serve children on weekends and holidays.		X

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