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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require mandatory funding for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “WIC Benefits Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY FUNDING FOR WIC.**

2 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Section 17(c) of the Child
3 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(c)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “may carry
5 out” and inserting “shall carry out”;

6 (2) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) by striking the matter preceding sub-
8 paragraph (A); and

9 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
10 and (B) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;
11 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

12 (A) by striking “the Secretary” and insert-
13 ing “The Secretary”; and

14 (B) by striking “, and” and inserting a pe-
15 riod; and

16 (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by
17 striking “any State” and inserting “Any State”.

18 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 17(d)(1) of the Child Nu-
19 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(1)) is amended
20 by striking “Participation in the program under this sec-
21 tion shall be limited to” and inserting “Individuals who
22 are eligible to participate in the program under this sec-
23 tion shall be”.

24 (c) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 17(g) of the Child
25 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(g)) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “AUTHORIZA-
2 TION OF ”; and

3 (2) by amending subparagraph (A) of para-
4 graph (1) to read as follows:

5 “(A) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to
6 amounts otherwise available, there are appro-
7 priated, out of any money in the Treasury not
8 otherwise appropriated, such sums as are nec-
9 essary to carry out this section for fiscal year
10 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.”.