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To improve the effectiveness and coordination of nutrition education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
trition, and Forestry

A BILL

To improve the effectiveness and coordination of nutrition
education.

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. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred
5 to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study
6 on—

7 (1) the use of State administrative expense
8 funds by State agencies;

9 (2) the innovative, effective, and replicable poli-
10 cies, practices, and training methods that are being

1 implemented using State administrative expense
2 funds;

3 (3) the factors that interfere with the ability of
4 a State agency to use State administrative expense
5 funds effectively; and

6 (4) the ways in which the administrative ex-
7 pense funds of a State are being used to encourage
8 the implementation of effective and consistent school
9 nutrition workforce training and technical assist-
10 ance, with particular emphasis on improving the im-
11 plementation of—

12 (A) nutrition standards for meals provided
13 under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
14 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) and the Richard B. Rus-
15 sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1751 et seq.);

17 (B) nutrition standards for foods sold in
18 schools other than the meals provided under the
19 Acts described in subparagraph (A);

20 (C) local school wellness policies;

21 (D) up-to-date professional standards for
22 school nutrition professionals; and

23 (E) such other school food service prac-
24 tices, standards, and operational requirements
25 as the Secretary determines necessary.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
2 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary shall submit to the Committee on Education and
4 the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the
5 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the
6 Senate a report that describes—

7 (1) a summary of the study conducted under
8 subsection (a);

9 (2) any findings and recommendations made as
10 part of the study; and

11 (3) a plan for disseminating to State agencies
12 best practices for the use of State administrative ex-
13 pense funds for training and technical assistance.

14 (c) FUNDING.—To conduct the study described in
15 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use existing funds of
16 the Department of Agriculture.

17 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS AND COORDINATION OF NUTRI-**
18 **TION EDUCATION.**

19 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Cen-
20 ter for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, shall conduct a
21 study on the effectiveness and level of coordination be-
22 tween nutrition education in the child nutrition programs
23 and other programs implemented by the Federal Govern-
24 ment that include nutrition education.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2 years
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
3 submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
4 Forestry of the Senate a report that describes—

5 (1) a summary of the study conducted under
6 subsection (a);

7 (2) any findings and recommendations made as
8 part of the study; and

9 (3) a plan for disseminating to State agencies
10 best practices for nutrition education delivery and
11 coordination.

12 (c) FUNDING.—To conduct the study described in
13 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use existing funds of
14 the Department of Agriculture.

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