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H. R. 7603

To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a publicly available database of bid solicitations for infant formula under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2022

Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 Healthy Begin-
5 nings Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DATABASE OF BID SOLICITATIONS FOR INFANT**
2 **FORMULA UNDER THE WIC PROGRAM.**

3 Section 17(h)(8)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of
4 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(8)(A)) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 “(xi) DATABASE OF BID SOLICITA-
7 TIONS.—

8 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later
9 than 2 years after the date of enact-
10 ment of this clause, the Secretary
11 shall make available to the public the
12 information described in items (aa)
13 through (dd) of subclause (II) relating
14 to bid solicitations of State agencies
15 for infant formula under the program.

16 “(II) STATE AGENCIES.—In so-
17 liciting bids for infant formula under
18 the program, a State agency, or a
19 State agency on behalf of a State alli-
20 ance, shall submit to the Secretary,
21 not later than 5 business days after
22 the date when the bid solicitation is
23 made available online to bidders by
24 the State, a description of the bid so-
25 licitation, including—

1 “(aa) the title of the bid so-
2 licitation and the State agency
3 administering the bid solicitation
4 if not available via the website
5 hyperlink;

6 “(bb) the website hyperlink
7 and other information needed for
8 the purpose of submitting a bid
9 in response to the bid solicitation
10 if not available via the website
11 hyperlink;

12 “(cc) the contact informa-
13 tion and website hyperlink for
14 the State agency administering
15 the bid solicitation, for the pur-
16 pose of gathering additional in-
17 formation relating to the bid so-
18 licitation; and

19 “(dd) the period during
20 which bids are accepted or the
21 due date for bids, as applicable,
22 under the bid solicitation.

23 “(III) PUBLICATION.—Not later
24 than 10 days after receiving a descrip-
25 tion of a bid solicitation under sub-

1 clause (II), the Secretary shall publish
2 the information on the database es-
3 tablished under subclause (I).

4 “(IV) GUIDANCE.—The Sec-
5 retary shall issue guidance to imple-
6 ment this clause.

7 “(V) LIABILITY LIMITATION.—A
8 State, State agency, or the Federal
9 Government shall not be liable in a
10 civil suit or claim in a State or Fed-
11 eral court based on the performance
12 or failure to perform a duty, function,
13 or activity required by this clause.”.

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