AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5003
OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN OF GEORGIA

Amend section 302—

(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

(a) STREAMLINING.—The Secretary

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) STUDY.—The Secretary, through an independent researcher with expertise in economics or government efficiency, shall conduct a study on the school meal programs under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) to examine alternative funding mechanisms and delivery to improve program effectiveness and efficiency while reducing program costs, by—

“(1) analyzing how businesses currently partner with schools or institutions to operate the school meal programs, and examining better ways to work with private sector businesses in the programs;

“(2) providing analysis and recommendations on improvements to the programs by lowering ad-
ministrative and program costs to schools, local educational agencies, States, and the Federal government, including analysis and recommendations with respect to—

“(A) financial impacts, including estimating potential cost-savings of business participation for families, schools, local educational agencies, States, and the Federal government;

“(B) regulatory and other barriers preventing business participation, and how to remove such barriers to encourage such business participation; and

“(C) regulatory and other barriers to better utilize donations, including donations of food products, while still complying with food safety requirements; and

“(3) considering the factors the Secretary is working on with States under subsection (a), while carrying out the analysis under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection.

“(c) FURTHER ACTIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

“(1) make the regulatory and guidance changes recommended under subsections (a) and (b); and
“(2) submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate—

“(A) the findings of the study conducted under subsection (b);

“(B) a plan for legislative and regulatory action, including—

“(i) a timetable of action for regulatory relief; and

“(ii) recommendations for legislative action required to improve program efficiency and lower administrative costs for the school meal programs.

“(d) SPENDING LIMITATION.—Not more than a total of $475,000 shall be used to carry out subsections (b) and (c).”.

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