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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide employment
and training data grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SALINAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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employment and training data grants, and for other pur-
poses.

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 “SNAP E&T Data And
5 Technical Assistance (DATA) Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
3 U.S.C. 2014) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(o) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DATA GRANTS.—
6 The Secretary is authorized to award grants to State
7 agencies, on a competitive basis, for the purpose of cre-
8 ating and strengthening longitudinal administrative data-
9 bases and associated resources for the purpose of
10 strengthening program quality, reducing burden, advanc-
11 ing equity, protecting privacy, and improving transparency
12 in supplemental nutrition and assistance program employ-
13 ment and training programs.

14 “(1) AWARD BASIS.—The Secretary shall award
15 grants on a competitive basis and in a manner con-
16 sistent with the following priorities:

17 “(A) Encouraging participation among
18 States that have not yet received such grants
19 and among those with the greatest needs in
20 terms of data infrastructure.

21 “(B) Strengthening effectiveness in meet-
22 ing the purposes of section 6(d)(4)(A)(i).

23 “(C) Facilitating co-enrollment and coordi-
24 nation of services between employment and
25 training programs offered under this Act and
26 other federally-supported workforce develop-

1 ment programs, such as those authorized under
2 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
3 (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and the Strengthening
4 Career and Technical Education for the 21st
5 Century Act (Public Law 115–224; 132 Stat.
6 1563) and the amendments made by that Act.

7 “(D) Participating in and contributing
8 data to the State’s linked longitudinal data sys-
9 tem, including submitting data that when
10 linked with K–12, postsecondary, and workforce
11 development data, provides the State with the
12 ability to create more robust tools and ana-
13 lytics.

14 “(E) Encouraging the use of non-Federal
15 contributions to improve State data infrastruc-
16 ture and related resources.

17 “(F) Enabling research and program im-
18 provement activities.

19 “(G) Other priorities as determined by the
20 Secretary.

21 “(2) PRIVACY AND SECURITY STANDARDS.—

22 Data supported by this subsection shall be—

23 “(A) used only for the purpose described in
24 this subsection;

1 “(B) exempted from the disclosure require-
2 ments of section 552(a) of title 5 of the United
3 States Code pursuant to section 552(b)(3) of
4 such title, to the extent such information is ob-
5 tained or received by the Secretary;

6 “(C) used in a manner that protects the
7 identity and location of an individual that is an
8 applicant for, or recipient of, supplemental nu-
9 trition assistance program benefits; and

10 “(D) shall meet security standards as de-
11 termined by the Secretary.

12 “(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds
13 made available under this subsection shall be used to
14 supplement, and not supplant, other State or local
15 funds used for developing State data systems.

16 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
17 the funds available under section 18, the Secretary
18 shall use to carry out this subsection \$15,000,000
19 for each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

20 “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary
21 shall reserve not more than 20 percent of the funds
22 made available under paragraph (4) for the provi-
23 sion of technical assistance to support the implemen-
24 tation of these Grants.

1 “(6) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after
2 the effective date of this subsection, and annually
3 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
4 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
5 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
6 and Forestry of the Senate, a report regarding im-
7 plementation of this subsection that, includes the
8 following information.

9 “(A) The number of grants awarded, a list
10 of recipients, and the amount of funds awarded.

11 “(B) A description of recipients’ use of the
12 grant funds.

13 “(C) An analysis of the impact of receiving
14 such grants on improving the effectiveness of
15 State employment and training programs in
16 meeting the purposes of section 6(d)(4)(A)(i).”.

17 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT.**

18 Not later than 1 year after funds are made available
19 to carry out section 5(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act
20 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(o)), the Comptroller General of
21 the United States shall—

22 (1) examine and review the implementation of
23 such section, including an examination of—

1 (A) co-enrollment strategies and related
2 best practices that maximize participant eligi-
3 bility using linked and integrated data;

4 (B) an examination and distillation of best
5 practices related to the coordination and braid-
6 ing of funds that improve the quality of employ-
7 ment and training programs implemented under
8 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and

9 (C) additional issues and impact that ac-
10 cess to linked and integrated databases and the
11 development of data exchange agreements have
12 on the participant and provider outcomes within
13 employment and training programs imple-
14 mented under the Food and Nutrition Act of
15 2008;

16 (2) develop recommendations to the Secretary
17 of Agriculture on any changes that should be made
18 to improve such data grants; and

19 (3) prepare and submit a report on the findings
20 and recommendations based on the examination
21 made under paragraph (1), and recommendations
22 received, under paragraph (2), to—

23 (A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
24 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the
2 House of Representatives.