HEALS Act Bill Summary

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The Feeding America Government Relations Team is providing a legislative summary of the 1 trillion dollar Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools Act (HEALS Act).

HEALS Act Bill Summary of Nutrition and Other Provisions

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Nutrition Provisions
The bill includes nothing on nutrition programs.

SNAP:
• Does not increase the SNAP maximum benefit.
• Does not increase the SNAP minimum benefit from $16 to $30.
• Does not block harmful SNAP rules.

TEFAP:
• Does not increase funding for TEFAP food purchases or storage and distribution.
• Does not provide the necessary cold storage and transportation capacity support.

Child Nutrition:
• Does not extend Pandemic-EBT authority.

Other Provisions

• Provides $20 billion for USDA to support agriculture producers, growers and processors impacted by COVID-19
• Reduces unemployment insurance from $600 a week to $200 a week until October, and then changes to 70% of prior wages capped at $500 a week for workers.
• Provides stimulus checks of $1,200 for people who make less than $75,000 a year (benefits taper off completely at $99,000, and many in immigrant households are excluded from aid).
• Provides $190 billion for a second round of Payment Protection Program (PPP) available to businesses with 300 employees or less.
• Provides additional funds to states through a TANF Coronavirus Emergency Fund to cover 80 percent of the increased costs of providing cash assistance and other short-term support through TANF, capped at $2 billion.
• Does not include broad-based fiscal support for states and localities, and no additional funding for Medicaid.
• Does not include extension of eviction moratorium.
• Provides 105 billion for education with two-thirds of funding reserved for schools reopening with in-person instruction.