

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS**

Page 28, line 3, insert a comma after “2008”.

Page 28, line 6, strike “covered commodity” and all that follows through “basis” on line 7, and insert the following: “covered-commodity-by-covered-commodity basis”.

Page 103, strike lines 4 through 8.

Page 110, line 17, insert “, or eligible for indemnity or compensation payments through programs administered by the Secretary” before the period at the end.

Page 111, line 1, insert “, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service,” after “Conservation Service”.

Page 218, line 15, strike “bachelors” and insert “bachelor’s”.

Page 224, line 22, strike “; and’” and insert “a semicolon”.

Page 225, line 13, strike “, and” and insert “; and”.

Page 225, line 15, strike “member.” and insert “member; and”.

Page 228, line 18, strike “enactment of” and insert “enactment of the”.

Page 232, line 5, add “and” at the end.

Page 233, line 4, strike “and” and insert “or”.

Page 237, line 24, strike “Section 5” and insert “Effective October 1, 2020, section 5”.

Page 238, strike line 5, and insert the following:

1 (B) by striking “, supplemental security”

Page 241, line 18, insert “or disabled” after “elderly”.

Page 241, line 23, insert “or disabled” after “elderly”.

Page 242, line 5, insert “or disabled” after “elderly”.

Page 242, line 8, insert “or disabled” after “elderly”.

Page 246, line 11, insert “(including volunteer work that is limited to 6 months out of a 12-month period)” after “work”.

Page 248, strike line 10.

Page 248, line 17, strike the period and the close quotation marks.

Page 248, after line 17, insert the following:

1 “(iv) a program of employment and
2 training for veterans operated by the De-
3 partment of Labor or the Department of
4 Veterans Affairs, and approved by the Sec-
5 retary.”, and

Page 248, line 25, strike “paragraph” and insert “paragraphs (4) and”.

Page 249, line 2, strike “(D), and (C)” and insert “(C), and (D)”.

Page 251, line 2, insert “and with the approval of the chief executive officer of the State,” after “agency”.

Page 251, line 22, strike “6” and insert “7”.

Page 251, line 24, insert “most recent 24-month period for which Department of Labor unemployment rates are available, nor earlier than the” after “the”.

Page 253, line 14, strike “15-PERCENT” and insert “PERCENTAGE”.

Page 254, line 11, strike “; and” at the end, and insert a period.

Page 254, strike lines 12 and 13.

Page 254, strike lines 19 through 22, and insert the following:

1 “(iii) FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH
2 2025.—Subject to clauses (v) and (vi), for
3 each of the fiscal years 2021 through
4 2025, a State agency may provide a num-
5 ber”

Page 255, after line 7, insert the following:

6 “(iv) FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND THERE-
7 AFTER.—Subject to clauses (v) and (vi),
8 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year
9 thereafter, a State agency may provide a
10 number of exemptions such that the aver-
11 age monthly number of the exemptions in
12 effect during the fiscal year does not ex-
13 ceed 12 percent of the number of covered
14 individuals in the State in fiscal year 2019,
15 as estimated by the Secretary, based on
16 the survey conducted to carry out section
17 16(c) for the most recent fiscal year and
18 such other factors as the Secretary con-
19 siders appropriate due to the timing and
20 limitations of the survey.”.

Page 255, line 8, strike “(iv)” and insert “(v)”.

Page 255, line 17, strike “(v)” and insert “(vi)”.

Page 258, line 19, strike clause (iv) and redesignate succeeding clauses accordingly.

Page 258, beginning on line 22, strike “unpaid or volunteer work that is limited to 6 months out of a 12-month period” and insert “other work experience”.

Page 259, line 3, add “and” at the end.

Page 259, line 5, strike “and” at the end.

Page 259, strike lines 6 through 8.

Page 259, strike lines 9 and 10, and insert the following:

- 1 (C) in subparagraph (F)—
- 2 (i) clause (ii) by striking “one hun-
- 3 dred and twenty hours per month” and in-
- 4 serting “the hours required under section
- 5 6(d)(1)(B)”, and
- 6 (ii) by striking clause (iii),
- 7 (D) by striking subparagraphs (D) and
- 8 (E), and inserting the following:

Page 259, line 16, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”.

Page 259, strike lines 18 and 19, and insert the following:

1 (F) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
2 through (M) as subparagraphs (E) through (L),

Beginning on page 259, strike line 22 and all that follows through line 2 on page 260, and insert the following:

3 (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD AND NUTRI-
4 TION ACT OF 2008.—The Food and Nutrition Act of
5 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended—
6 (A) in section 5(d)(14) by striking
7 “6(d)(4)(I)” and inserting “6(d)(4)(G)”, and
8 (B) in section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(dd) by
9 striking “(4)(F)(i), or (4)(K)” and inserting
10 “(4)(A)(ii), (4)(E)(i), or (4)(J)”.

Page 260, strike lines 24 and 25, and insert the following:

11 (1) by amending subsection (e)(5) to read as
12 follows:
13 “(5) is—
14 “(A) a parent or other household member
15 with responsibility for the care of a dependent
16 child under age 6 or of an incapacitated person;
17 or

1 “(B) a parent or other household member
2 with responsibility for the care of a dependent
3 child above the age of 5 and under the age of
4 12 for whom adequate child care is not avail-
5 able to enable the individual to attend class and
6 satisfy the requirements of paragraph (4);
7 and”.

Page 262, after line 24, insert the following:

8 (C) by amending subparagraph (C) to read
9 as follows:
10 “(C) RETURN OF UNUSED EMPLOYMENT
11 AND TRAINING FUNDS TO THE TREASURY.—If
12 a State agency will not expend all of the funds
13 allocated to the State agency for a fiscal year
14 under subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall de-
15 posit such unused funds in the general receipts
16 of the Treasury.”,

Page 263, line 1, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

Page 263, line 3, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”

Page 263, beginning on line 22, strike subsection
(g).

Page 264, line 10, strike “(h)” and insert “(g).”

Page 264, strike lines 11 and 12, and insert the following:

1 (1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 20(b) of the Food
2 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 3029(b) is
3 amended—
4 (A) in paragraph (1)—
5 (i) by striking “6(d)(1)” and inserting
6 “6(d)(1)(B)”, and
7 (ii) by striking “or (F)” and inserting
8 “(F), or (G)”, and
9 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “sixteen”
10 and inserting “18”.

Page 266, strike lines 1 through 6, and insert the following:

11 (B) in section 17(b) by striking paragraph
12 (2).

Page 266, after line 6, insert the following:

13 (h) EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF HOUSEHOLDS.—
14 Section 11(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
15 U.S.C. 2020(e)), as amended by section 4001, is amended
16 by adding at the end the following:
17 “(27) that the State agency may, for purposes
18 of ensuring equitable treatment among all house-
19 holds (including those containing a married couple),

1 request earned income data from the Internal Rev-
2 enue Service relevant to determining eligibility to re-
3 ceive supplemental nutrition assistance program ben-
4 efits and determining the correct amount of such
5 benefits at the time of household certification.”.

Page 269, line 5, strike the comma at the end and
insert a semicolon.

Page 269, strike lines 6 and 7.

Page 269, line 25, strike “and” at the end.

Page 269, after line 25, insert the following:

6 “(VII) requires that the State demonstra-
7 tion projects are voluntary for all retail food
8 stores and that all recipients are able to use
9 benefits in non-participating retail food stores;
10 and”.

Page 270, line 1, strike “(VII)” and insert “(VIII)”.

Page 271, line 1, strike “**PROCESSING**” and insert
“**PROHIBITED**”.

Page 271, line 10, insert “(as defined in subsection
(j)(1)(H))” after “switching”.

Page 273, line 16, strike “‘independent’” and all that follows through “means” on line 17, and insert the following: “‘independent sales organization’ means”.

Page 291, line 5, strike “B Russell” and insert “B. Russell”.

Page 296, after line 13, insert the following:

1 (C) in paragraph (3)(B) by inserting “,
2 other than those incurred by State agencies in
3 preparing State plans pursuant to subsection
4 (c)(2) and notifying applicants, participants,
5 and eligible individuals pursuant to subsection
6 (c)(4),” after “this section”,

Page 296, line 14, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

Page 296, line 16, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”.

Page 297, line 6, strike the close quotation marks and the comma at the end.

Page 297, strike line 7 and insert the following:

7 “(D) FUNDS AVAILABILITY.—Funds ap-
8 propriated under this paragraph shall remain
9 available for obligation for a period of 2 fiscal
10 years.”, and

Page 299, strike lines 19 through 23, and insert the following:

1 (7) in section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(aa) by strik-
2 ing “3(n)” and inserting “3(m)”,

Page 300, after line 10, insert the following:

3 **SEC. 4037. REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE PROGRAM OPERATIONS.**

5 Section 9 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
6 U.S.C. 2018), as amended by section 4026, is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(j) REVIEW OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS.—

9 “(1) The Secretary—

10 “(A) shall review a representative sample
11 of currently authorized retail food stores as de-
12 fined in subsections (o)(2) and (k)(3) of section
13 3 to determine whether benefits are properly
14 used by or on behalf of participating households
15 residing in such facilities and whether such fa-
16 cilities are using more than one source of Fed-
17 eral or State funding to meet the food needs of
18 residents;

19 “(B) may carry out similar reviews for cur-
20 rently participating residential drug and alcohol
21 treatment and rehabilitation programs, and

1 group living arrangements for the blind and
2 disabled;

3 “(C) shall gather information and these
4 entities shall be required to submit information
5 deemed necessary for a full and thorough re-
6 view; and

7 “(D) shall report the results of these re-
8 views to the Committee on Agriculture of the
9 House of Representatives and the Committee
10 on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry of the
11 Senate not later than 3 years after the date of
12 the enactment of the Food and Nutrition Act of
13 2018, along with recommendations as to any
14 additional requirements or oversight that would
15 be appropriate for such facilities and retailers,
16 and whether these entities should continue to be
17 authorized to participate in the supplemental
18 nutrition assistance program.

19 “(2) Nothing in this section shall authorize the
20 Secretary to deny any application for continued au-
21 thorization, any application for authorization, or any
22 request to withdraw the authorization of any facility
23 or entity referenced in subsections (o)(2) and (k)(3)
24 of section 3 based on a determination that residents

1 of any such facility or entity are residents of an in-
2 stitution prior to—

3 “(A) the submission of the report de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1)(D); or

5 “(B) 3 years after the date of enactment
6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2018;

7 whichever is earlier.”.

Page 301, after line 2, insert the following:

8 **SEC. 4103. ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL**
9 **FOOD PROGRAM.**

10 Section 5(g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protec-
11 tion Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except”, and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—

17 “(A) DEFINITION OF CERTIFICATION PE-
18 RIOD.—In this paragraph, the term ‘certifi-
19 cation period’ means the period that a partici-
20 pant in the commodity supplemental food pro-
21 gram may continue to receive benefits under
22 that program without a formal review of the eli-
23 gibility of the participant.

1 “(B) MINIMUM CERTIFICATION PERIOD.—
2 Subject to subparagraph (C), a State shall es-
3 tablish a certification period of not less than 1
4 year.

5 “(C) EXTENSIONS.—On the request of a
6 State, the Secretary shall approve a State cer-
7 tification period of more than 1 year on the
8 condition that, on an annual basis, the local
9 agency in the State administering the com-
10 modity supplemental food program—

11 “(i) verifies the address and continued
12 interest of each participant in receiving
13 program benefits; and

14 “(ii) has sufficient reason to deter-
15 mine that the participant still meets the
16 income eligibility standards, which may in-
17 clude a determination that the participant
18 has a fixed income.”.

Page 301, line 3, redesignate section 4103 as section
4104.

At the end of subtitle C of title IV, add the fol-
lowing:

1 **SEC. 4205. REVIEW AND REVISION OF CERTAIN NUTRITION**
2 **REGULATIONS.**

3 (a) REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS.—Not later
4 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act
5 and for the purposes described in subsection (b), the Sec-
6 retary shall review—

7 (1) the final regulations on “National School
8 Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program: Nu-
9 trition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as
10 Required by the Healthy, Hunger- Free Kids Act of
11 2010” published by the Department of Agriculture
12 in the Federal Register on July 29, 2016 (81 Fed.
13 Reg. 50123 et seq.); and

14 (2) the final regulations on “Nutrition Stand-
15 ards in the National School Lunch and School
16 Breakfast Programs” published by the Department
17 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January
18 26, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 4088 et seq.).

19 (b) FINALIZING NEW REGULATIONS.—Not later than
20 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary, in consultation with school nutrition personnel
22 and school leaders (including school administrators, school
23 boards, and parents), shall finalize new regulations that
24 revise the regulations described in subsection (a) based on
25 the review of such regulations under such subsection, in-

1 cluding any requirements for milk, to ensure that the re-
2 quirements of such regulations—

3 (1) are based on research based on school-age
4 children;

5 (2) do not add costs in addition to the reim-
6 bursements required to carry out the school lunch
7 program authorized under the Richard B. Russell
8 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
9 or the school breakfast program established by sec-
10 tion 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
11 1773); and

12 (3) maintain healthy meals for students.

Page 327, line 4, strike “heath” and insert
“health”.

Page 327, line 11, add a period at the end.

Page 343, line 12, strike “road mile” and insert
“road-mile”.

Page 344, line 4, strike “and” at the end.

Page 361, after line 13, insert the following (and re-
designate any succeeding section accordingly):

1 **SEC. 6116. FEDERAL BROADBAND PROGRAM COORDINA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) CONSULTATION BETWEEN USDA AND NTIA.—

4 The Secretary shall consult with the Assistant Secretary
5 to assist in the verification of eligibility of the broadband
6 loan and grant programs of the Department of Agri-
7 culture. In providing assistance under the preceding sen-
8 tence, the Assistant Secretary shall make available the
9 broadband assessment and mapping capabilities of the
10 National Telecommunications and Information Adminis-
11 tration.

12 (b) CONSULTATION BETWEEN USDA AND FCC.—

13 (1) BY USDA.—The Secretary shall consult with
14 the Commission before making a broadband loan or
15 grant for a project to serve an area with respect to
16 which another entity is receiving Connect America
17 Fund or Mobility Fund support under the Federal
18 universal service support mechanisms established
19 under section 254 of the Communications Act of
20 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254).

21 (2) BY FCC.—The Commission shall consult
22 with the Secretary before offering or providing Con-
23 nect America Fund or Mobility Fund support under
24 the Federal universal service support mechanisms
25 established under section 254 of the Communica-
26 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) to serve an area

1 with respect to which another entity has received an
2 award under a broadband loan or grant program of
3 the Department of Agriculture.

4 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,
6 the Commission, and the Assistant Secretary shall submit
7 to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on
8 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
9 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-
10 estry and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
11 Transportation of the Senate a report on how best to co-
12 ordinate federally supported broadband programs and ac-
13 tivities in order to achieve the following objectives:

14 (1) Promote high-quality broadband service
15 that meets the long-term needs of rural residents
16 and businesses, by evaluating the broadband service
17 needs in rural areas for each decade through 2050.

18 (2) Support the long-term viability, sustain-
19 ability, and utility of federally supported rural
20 broadband infrastructure, by analyzing the technical
21 capabilities of the technologies currently available
22 and reasonably expected to be available by 2035 to
23 meet the broadband service needs of rural residents
24 identified under paragraph (1), including by ana-
25 lyzing the following:

1 (A) The real-world performance of such
2 technologies, including data rates, latency, data
3 usage restrictions, and other aspects of service
4 quality, as defined by the Commission.

5 (B) The suitability of each such technology
6 for residential, agricultural, educational,
7 healthcare, commercial, and industrial purposes
8 in rural areas.

9 (C) The cost to deploy and support such
10 technologies in several rural geographies.

11 (D) The costs associated with online plat-
12 forms, specifically the resulting constraints on
13 rural network bandwidth.

14 (3) Identify and quantify the availability of
15 broadband service and ongoing broadband deploy-
16 ment in rural areas, including ways to do the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (A) Harmonize broadband notification and
19 reporting requirements and develop common
20 verification procedures across all federally sup-
21 ported broadband programs.

22 (B) Consolidate and utilize the existing
23 broadband service data.

24 (C) Collect and share data on those
25 projects in rural areas where Federal programs

1 are currently supporting broadband deployment,
2 including areas with respect to which an entity
3 is receiving—

4 (i) support under a broadband loan or
5 grant program of the Department of Agri-
6 culture; or

7 (ii) Connect America Fund or Mobil-
8 ity Fund support under the Federal uni-
9 versal service support mechanisms estab-
10 lished under section 254 of the Commu-
11 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254).

12 (D) Leverage support technologies and
13 services from online platforms for providers of
14 broadband service in rural areas.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
17 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
18 Commerce for Communications and Information.

19 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
20 means the Federal Communications Commission.

21 (3) RURAL AREA.—The term “rural area” has
22 the meaning given the term in section 601(b)(3) of
23 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

Page 364, line 14, strike “tribes” and insert
“Tribes”.

Page 374, line 1, strike “(U.S.C.” and insert “U.S.C.”.

Page 379, line 24, strike “by striking” and all that follows through “and inserting” on line 25, and insert the following: “by striking ‘maintained under section 313(b)(2)(A)’ and inserting”.

Page 390, line 16, strike “and inserting” and all that follows through “; and” on line 17, and insert the following: “and inserting ‘305 or’; and”.

Page 394, line 8, strike “tribes” and insert “Tribes”.

Page 414, line 2, strike the extra space before the closed quotation mark.

Page 436, after line 11, insert the following:

1 (b) PRIORITIES.—Section 412(h)(1) of the Agricul-
2 tural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of
3 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(h)(1)) is amended by striking
4 “multi-institutional” and inserting “or multi-institu-
5 tional”.

Page 436, line 12, strike “(b)” and insert “(c)”.

Page 436, line 20, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

Page 455, line 20, insert “or ranchers” after “farmers”.

Page 541, line 1, insert “address” before “other”.

Page 546, line 5, strike “in” and insert “on”.

Page 554, line 18, strike “The Administrator;” and insert “The Administrator”.

Page 575, line 2, strike “Department of Agriculture” and insert “Food and Drug Administration”.

Page 598, line 3, strike “and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1)” and all that follows through “Secretary” on line 6, and insert the following: “of paragraph (1)”.

Page 598, line 9, insert “, not more than 4 percent may be retained by the Secretary to pay administrative costs incurred by the Secretary” after “10409B”.

Page 598, line 10, insert “of such paragraph” after “(B)”.

Page 598, line 12, strike “and (B)” and all that follows through “paragraph” on line 13.

Page 598, line 13, strike “ten” and insert “10”.

Page 599, line 3, insert before the period at the end the following: “to be made available for expenditure without further appropriation”.

Page 621, line 23, strike “boys” and insert “boys’”.

Page 622, line 8, strike “boys” and insert “boys’”.

Page 635, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11608. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD ACCESS LIAISON.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of the Department of
3 Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6901
4 et seq.), as amended by sections 11204 and 11607, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 223. FOOD ACCESS LIAISON.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
8 lish the position of Food Access Liaison to coordinate De-
9 partment programs to reduce barriers to food access and
10 monitor and evaluate the progress of such programs in
11 accordance with this section.

12 “(b) DUTIES.—The Food Access Liaison shall—

13 “(1) coordinate the efforts of the Department,
14 including regional offices, to experiment and con-
15 sider programs and policies aimed at reducing bar-
16 riers to food access for consumers, including but not
17 limited to participants in nutrition assistance pro-
18 grams;

19 “(2) provide outreach to entities engaged in ac-
20 tivities to reduce barriers to food access in accord-

1 ance with the statutory authorization for each pro-
2 gram;

3 “(3) provide outreach to entities engaged in ac-
4 tivities to reduce barriers to food access, including
5 retailers, markets, producers, and others involved in
6 food production and distribution, with respect to the
7 availability of, and eligibility for, Department pro-
8 grams;

9 “(4) raise awareness of food access issues in
10 interactions with employees of the Department;

11 “(5) make recommendations to the Secretary
12 with respect to efforts to reduce barriers to food ac-
13 cess; and

14 “(6) submit to Congress an annual report with
15 respect to the efforts of the Department to reduce
16 barriers to food access.”.

17 (b) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary shall
18 provide technical assistance to entities that are partici-
19 pants, or seek to participate, in Department of Agriculture
20 programs related to reduction of barriers to food access.

