AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5504 OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO

Insert after section 362 of the Amendment the following:

1	SEC. 363. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR
2	SCHOOL NUTRITION PERSONNEL.
3	Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School
4	Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758) is amended by adding at the
5	end the following:
6	"(k) School Food Service Personnel Profes-
7	SIONAL STANDARDS.—
8	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
9	lish, by regulation—
10	"(A) professional standards for local school
11	food service directors responsible for the admin-
12	istration or operation of the school lunch pro-
13	gram established under this Act;
14	"(B) professional development require-
15	ments for local school food service personnel;
16	and

1	"(C) the effective date for the standards
2	and requirements described in subparagraphs
3	(A) and (B).
4	"(2) Required professional standards.—
5	The professional standards established by the Sec-
6	retary under paragraph (1)(A) shall include—
7	"(A) minimum education requirements;
8	"(B) minimum professional certification
9	requirements; and
10	"(C) minimum training requirements to
11	maintain professional qualifications.
12	"(3) Professional development require-
13	MENTS.—
14	"(A) In general.—The professional de-
15	velopment requirements established under para-
16	graph (1)(B) shall ensure that local school food
17	service personnel have access to annual training
18	that includes training in—
19	"(i) the accuracy of approvals for free
20	and reduced price meals;
21	"(ii) the identification of reimbursable
22	meals at the point of service; and
23	"(iii) food safety.
24	"(B) Access to training.—The Sec-
25	retary shall make available all necessary train-

1	ing to meet requirements established under
2	paragraph (1)(B) in a manner that minimizes
3	cost to school food authorities, including
4	through online training programs.
5	"(C) CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL PER-
6	SONNEL.—In accordance with professional de-
7	velopment requirements established by the Sec-
8	retary, local school food service personnel shall
9	annually certify that they have completed an-
10	nual training described in subparagraph (A).
11	"(4) Application of Professional Stand-
12	ARDS.—The professional standards established
13	under paragraph (1)(A) shall only apply to school
14	food authority directors hired on or after the effec-
15	tive date of such standards.
16	"(5) Funding.—
17	"(A) In General.—On October 1, 2010
18	and on each October 1 through October 1,
19	2014, out of any funds in the Treasury not oth-
20	erwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treas-
21	ury shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out
22	this subsection \$2,000,000, to remain available
23	until expended.
24	"(B) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The
25	Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall ac-

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1	cept, and shall use to carry out this subsection
2	the funds transferred under subparagraph (A),
3	without further appropriation.".

