

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5003
OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN OF GEORGIA

Amend section 302—

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

1 (a) STREAMLINING.—The Secretary

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

3 “(b) STUDY.—The Secretary, through an inde-
4 pendent researcher with expertise in economics or govern-
5 ment efficiency, shall conduct a study on the school meal
6 programs under the Richard B. Russell National School
7 Lunch (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and section 4 of the Child
8 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) to examine alter-
9 native funding mechanisms and delivery to improve pro-
10 gram effectiveness and efficiency while reducing program
11 costs, by—

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

16 “(2) providing analysis and recommendations
17 on improvements to the programs by lowering ad-
18 ministrative and program costs to schools, local edu-

1 cational agencies, States, and the Federal govern-
2 ment, including analysis and recommendations with
3 respect to—

4 “(A) financial impacts, including esti-
5 mating potential cost-savings of business par-
6 ticipation for families, schools, local educational
7 agencies, States, and the Federal government;

8 “(B) regulatory and other barriers pre-
9 venting business participation, and how to re-
10 move such barriers to encourage such business
11 participation; and

12 “(C) regulatory and other barriers to bet-
13 ter utilize donations, including donations of
14 food products, while still complying with food
15 safety requirements; and

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

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

23 “(1) make the regulatory and guidance changes
24 recommended under subsections (a) and (b); and

1 “(2) submit to the Committee on Education
2 and the Workforce of the House of Representatives
3 and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
4 Forestry of the Senate—

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

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

9 “(i) a timetable of action for regu-
10 latory relief; and

11 “(ii) recommendations for legislative
12 action required to improve program effi-
13 ciency and lower administrative costs for
14 the school meal programs.”.

