

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 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-

1       ministrative and program costs to schools, local edu-  
2       cational agencies, States, and the Federal govern-  
3       ment, including analysis and recommendations with  
4       respect to—

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

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

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

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

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

24                      “(1) make the regulatory and guidance changes  
25      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.

15           “(d) SPENDING LIMITATION.—Not more than a total  
16           of \$475,000 shall be used to carry out subsections (b) and  
17           (c).”.

