

**Summary of Amendment offered by  
Rep. Baca and Rep. Boustany  
Regarding Food Stamp Nutrition Education**

The amendment expresses the findings of Congress that Food Stamp Nutrition Education plays an essential role in dietary practices of low income Americans by providing public health and educational approach, and that State Food Stamp programs use effective strategies to implement Food Stamp Nutrition Education. Further, the amendment states that the Secretary of Agriculture should support and encourage Food Stamp Nutrition Education and promote the coordination of State Food Stamp Nutrition Education with other federally funded public health programs.

**AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT**

**OFFERED BY**

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At an appropriate place, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

**SEC. \_\_\_\_. FINDINGS OF CONGRESS REGARDING FOOD STAMP NUTRITION  
EDUCATION**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Food Stamp Nutrition Education plays an essential role in improving the dietary and physical activity practices of low income Americans, helping to reduce food insecurity, prevent obesity, and reduce the risks of chronic disease.

(2) Expert bodies such as the Institute of Medicine indicate that dietary and physical activity behavior change is more likely to result from the combined application of public health approaches and education rather than individual education alone.

(3) State Food Stamp programs are currently implementing Food Stamp Nutrition Education using effective strategies including direct education, group activities, and social marketing.

(b) SUPPORT FOOD STAMP NUTRITION EDUCATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture should support and encourage the most effective interventions for Food Stamp Nutrition Education, including public health approaches as well as traditional

education, to increase the likelihood that food stamp recipients and those who are potentially eligible for Food Stamps will choose diets and physical activity practices consistent with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. To promote the most effective implementation of publicly funded programs, State Food Stamp Nutrition Education activities should be coordinated with other federally funded food assistance and public health programs and should leverage public/private partnerships to maximize resources and impact.