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Amendment Offered by Mr. Conaway (TX)

Amendment Description

To establish requirements, consistent with other means-tested programs, for the electronic content and format of data used in the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

Page 304, after line 22, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4011. DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-**
2 **PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.**

3 (a) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION.—Section
4 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(v) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDIZATION FOR IM-
7 PROVED INTEROPERABILITY.—

8 “(1) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—

9 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary, in
10 consultation with an interagency work group
11 which shall be established by the Office of Man-
12 agement and Budget, and considering State
13 perspectives, shall, by rule, designate a data ex-
14 change standard for any category of informa-
15 tion required to be reported under this Act.

16 “(B) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS MUST
17 BE NONPROPRIETARY AND INTEROPERABLE.—
18 The data exchange standard designated under

1 subparagraph (A) shall, to the extent prac-
2 ticable, be nonproprietary and interoperable.

3 “(C) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—In desig-
4 nating data exchange standards under this sub-
5 section, the Secretary shall, to the extent prac-
6 ticable, incorporate—

7 “(i) interoperable standards developed
8 and maintained by an international vol-
9 untary consensus standards body, as de-
10 fined by the Office of Management and
11 Budget, such as the International Organi-
12 zation for Standardization;

13 “(ii) interoperable standards devel-
14 oped and maintained by intergovernmental
15 partnerships, such as the National Infor-
16 mation Exchange Model; and

17 “(iii) interoperable standards devel-
18 oped and maintained by Federal entities
19 with authority over contracting and finan-
20 cial assistance, such as the Federal Acqui-
21 sition Regulatory Council.

22 “(2) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS FOR RE-
23 PORTING.—

24 “(A) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary, in
25 consultation with an interagency work group es-

1 tablished by the Office of Management and
2 Budget, and considering State perspectives,
3 shall, by rule, designate data exchange stand-
4 ards to govern the data reporting required
5 under this part.

6 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange
7 standards required by subparagraph (A) shall,
8 to the extent practicable—

9 “(i) incorporate a widely-accepted,
10 nonproprietary, searchable, computer-read-
11 able format;

12 “(ii) be consistent with and implement
13 applicable accounting principles; and

14 “(iii) be capable of being continually
15 upgraded as necessary.

16 “(C) INCORPORATION OF NONPROPRI-
17 ETARY STANDARDS.—In designating reporting
18 standards under this subsection, the Secretary
19 shall, to the extent practicable, incorporate ex-
20 isting nonproprietary standards, such as the
21 eXtensible Markup Language.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

23 (1) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS.—The Sec-
24 retary of Agriculture shall issue a proposed rule
25 under section 11(v)(1) of the Food and Nutrition

1 Act of 2008 within 12 months after the effective
2 date of this section, and shall issue a final rule
3 under such section after public comment, within 24
4 months after such effective date.

5 (2) DATA REPORTING STANDARDS.—The re-
6 porting standards required under section 11(v)(2) of
7 such Act shall become effective with respect to re-
8 ports required in the first reporting period, after the
9 effective date of the final rule referred to in para-
10 graph (1) of this subsection, for which the authority
11 for data collection and reporting is established or re-
12 newed under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

