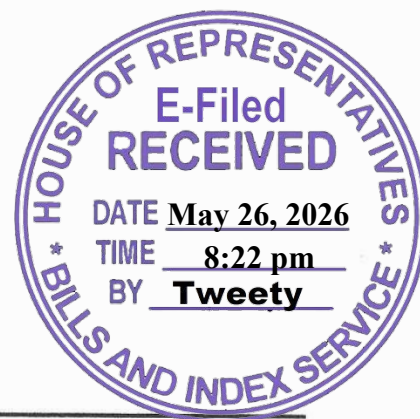


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 353

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Appropriations on
May 26, 2026.

Re : **HOUSE BILL NO. 9466**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1193, 2191, 2325, 2425, 2487, 3157, 3202, 3551, 4173, 4929, 5046, 5236, 5248, 5433, 5562, 5641, 5681, 5689, 5718, 5800, 5838, 5881, 5989, 5991, 5992, 6089, 6240, 6311, 6419, 6671, 7940, 8051, and 8131.

Sponsors : Representatives Roman T. Romulo and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Basic Education and Culture and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 1193, introduced by Representative Brian Poe, entitled:

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM
TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA
SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 2191, introduced by Representative Brian Poe, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING CLOUD KITCHEN
SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 2325, introduced by Representatives Bella Vanessa B. Suansing and Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, entitled:

AN ACT
EXTENDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO
UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, ENTITLED, "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A
NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN
PUBLIC DAY CARE, KINDERGARTEN, AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO
COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG FILIPINO
CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

House Bill No. 2425, introduced by Representative Janette L. Garin, entitled:

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LIBRENG ALMUSAL PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO PROGRAM," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 2487, introduced by Representative Roy M. Gonzales, entitled:

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, ENTITLED, "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC DAY CARE, KINDERGARTEN, AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

House Bill No. 3157, introduced by Representative Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, entitled:

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 3202, introduced by Representative Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, entitled:

AN ACT
PROVIDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE FREE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 3551, introduced by Representative Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III, entitled:

AN ACT
MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 4173, introduced by Representative Carmelo G. Lazatin Jr., entitled:

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ITS COVERAGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 4929, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

AN ACT

PROVIDING FREE AND NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEALS TO ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL CHILDREN TO PROMOTE HEALTH, LEARNING, AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5046, introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo, entitled:

**AN ACT
EXTENDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, ENTITLED, "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC DAY CARE, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG FILIPINO CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

House Bill No. 5236, introduced by Representative Agatha Paula Aguilar Cruz, entitled:

**AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT", APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

House Bill No. 5248, introduced by Representative Eduardo R. Rama, Jr., entitled:

**AN ACT
EXTENDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"**

House Bill No. 5433, introduced by Representative Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva, entitled:

**AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

House Bill No. 5562, introduced by Representative Benjamin C. Agarao Jr., entitled:

**AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC DAY CARE CENTER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4 (A) AND 4 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

House Bill No. 5641, introduced by Representatives Lani Mercado-Revilla, Bryan B. Revilla, and Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, entitled:

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE FARMERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 5681, introduced by Representative Patrick Michael D. Vargas, entitled:

AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT", APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 5689, introduced by Representative Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

AN ACT
MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 5718, introduced by Representative Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR SAID PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5800, introduced by Representative Eric Go Yap, entitled:

AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM AND MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL SCALE FARMERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 11037 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 5838, introduced by Representative Munir N. Arbison Jr., entitled:

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 5881, introduced by Representative Ma. Nina Francesca P. Lacson, entitled:

AN ACT

MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 5989, introduced by Representative Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING CLOUD KITCHEN SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 5991, introduced by Representative Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

AN ACT

AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT" TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ITS COVERAGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5992, introduced by Representative Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

AN ACT

MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 6089, introduced by Representative Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, entitled:

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 6240, introduced by Representative Adrian E. Salceda, entitled:

AN ACT

MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 6311, introduced by Representative Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan, entitled:

AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 6419, introduced by Representative Bai Dimple I. Mastura, entitled:

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN FROM GRADES 7 TO 12, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC DAY CARE, KINDERGARTEN, AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG FILIPINO CHILDREN", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 6671, introduced by Representative Celso G. Regencia, entitled:

AN ACT

AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT," BY EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED LEARNERS IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 7940, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

House Bill No. 8051, introduced by Representatives Percival "Perci" Cendaña, Jose Manuel Tadeo "Chel" I. Diokno, Dadah Kiram Ismula, and Kaka J. Bag-ao, entitled:

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

and House Bill No. 8131, introduced by Representative Florabel C. Yatco, entitled:

AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9466, entitled:

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM INTO A NATIONAL
NUTRITION PROGRAM BY EXPANDING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE
AND ENHANCING ITS SUPPORT MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING
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Respectfully submitted,



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM INTO A NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM BY EXPANDING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE AND ENHANCING ITS SUPPORT MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OR THE
"MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Sections 3 to 5 of Republic Act No. 11037 are hereby amended as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be understood to mean as follows, to wit:

"(a) *Cycle Menu* refers to standardized menus prepared by the national government agencies (NGAs), AND APPROVED BY DESIGNATED REGISTERED NUTRITIONISTS-DIETITIANS, in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC), [and the] DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location and/or type of school, and local cultural and/or religious eating preferences: *Provided,* That such menus shall have as many varieties and selections as may be necessary taking into account its availability in the place or locality where the [day care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT center or school is located;

"(b) *Fortified Meal* x x x;

"(C) *FRESH MILK* REFERS TO A MILK PRODUCT PRODUCED BY LOCAL DAIRY FARMS FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION. FRESH MILK IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS A MILK PRODUCT FROM NORMAL MAMMARY SECRETION OF HEALTHY MAMMALS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COWS, GOATS, BUFFALOES, AND CARABAOS, WITHOUT EITHER ADDITION TO IT OR EXTRACTION FROM IT. IT IS SUBJECTED TO MINIMUM PASTEURIZATION CONDITIONS OF 72°C FOR 15 SECONDS (CONTINUOUS FLOW PASTEURIZATION) OR 63°C FOR 30 MINUTES (BATCH PASTEURIZATION), HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO HIGHER TEMPERATURE, AND HAS A SHELF LIFE OF NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) DAYS WHEN REGISTERED;

"[c] [D] *Health Examination* x x x;

1 “(E) *MILK-BASED SUBSTITUTE* REFERS TO A PRODUCT THAT HAS
2 UNDERGONE PROCESSING TO EXTEND SHELF LIFE, WHILE RETAINING THE
3 ESSENTIAL NUTRITIONAL PROPERTIES OF MILK. THESE INCLUDE, AMONG
4 OTHERS, STERILIZED MILK AND POWDERED MILK;

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6 “[d] (F) *National Government Agencies (NGAs)* refer to the [Department
7 of Education] [(DepED)] and the Department of Social Welfare and
8 Development (DSWD) which shall be the lead agencies in the implementation
9 of the Program for public kindergarten and elementary schools and public [day
10 care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT centers, respectively; [and]

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12 “[e] (G) *Undernourished Child* refers to a child who has been supplied
13 with less than the minimum amount of [foods] FOOD essentialS for sound
14 health and growth. For purposes of this Act, it shall include children who are
15 suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as well as those who are
16 considered as wasted, severely wasted, or stunted under the World Health
17 Organization Child Growth Standards[.]; AND

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19 “H. DIRECT FUND COST REFERS TO INGREDIENTS RELATED TO PROVISION
20 OF NUTRITION MEALS, EXCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING
21 EXPENSES, TRAINING, UTENSILS, AND COOKING EQUIPMENT.”

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23 “SEC. 4. *National [Feeding] NUTRITION Program.* – The National
24 [Feeding] NUTRITION Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, is
25 hereby established to address undernutrition among Filipino children.

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27 “The Program shall have the following components and coverage:

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29 “(a) Supplemental Feeding Program for [Day Care Children] EARLY
30 CHILDHOOD CARE. – The DSWD, in coordination with the LGUs concerned,
31 shall implement a supplemental feeding program for undernourished children
32 [with ages three (3) to] UNDER five (5) years OF AGE. The Program shall be
33 administered in [day care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT centers or in any other
34 facility which can be used for such purpose: *Provided*, That the Program shall
35 include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less
36 than [one] TWO hundred [twenty (120)] (200) days in a year.

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38 “THE AFOREMENTIONED MEALS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO
39 ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
40 NUTRITION, WITH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON NNC AND DOST-FNRI
41 NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFLATION: *PROVIDED*, THAT

1 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON DIRECT FUND
2 COST, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO PRODUCE OF LOCAL FARMERS: *Provided,*
3 *further,* That in the preparation of fortified meals, the DSWD shall work in
4 collaboration with recognized parents' organizations[;], AS WELL AS THE
5 PARENTS AND PARENT SUBSTITUTES OF THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE
6 PROGRAM, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.

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8 "THE DSWD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NNC AND THE EARLY
9 CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) COUNCIL, SHALL
10 STRENGTHEN THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HEALTH AND
11 NUTRITION COMPONENTS OF THE PARENT EFFECTIVENESS SERVICE
12 PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE TARGET
13 BENEFICIARIES. IT SHALL LIKEWISE COLLABORATE WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE LGUS IN PROVIDING HEALTH
15 AND NUTRITION SERVICES TO UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN BELOW TWO
16 (2) YEARS OF AGE. THE ECCD COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
17 ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE
18 INTERVENTIONS ARE INTEGRATED WITH NUTRITION SERVICES;

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20 "(b) School-Based Feeding Program. – The DepED shall implement a
21 school-based feeding program for [undernourished] ALL public school
22 [children] LEARNERS from kindergarten to grade [six (6)] THREE (3) AND
23 UNDERNOURISHED LEARNERS FROM GRADES FOUR (4) TO TWELVE (12):
24 *Provided,* That the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1)
25 fortified meal to [all undernourished] THE COVERED public [elementary,]
26 school [children] LEARNERS for a period [of not less than one hundred twenty
27 (120) days in a year], OF 200 DAYS: *PROVIDED,* THAT, FOR THE PERIOD
28 NOT COVERED BY THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AS DETERMINED BY THE
29 DEPED, THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
30 RESPECTIVE LGUS FOR THE CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
31 PROGRAM.

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33 "THE AFOREMENTIONED MEALS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO
34 ENSURE THAT THE LEARNERS RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
35 NUTRITION, WITH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON NNC AND DOST-FNRI
36 NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFLATION: *PROVIDED,* THAT
37 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON DIRECT FUND
38 COST, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO PRODUCE OF LOCAL FARMERS:
39 *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT IN THE PREPARATION OF FORTIFIED MEALS,
40 THE DEPED SHALL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH CONCERNED
41 BARANGAYS, AS WELL AS THE PARENTS AND PARENT-SUBSTITUTES OF

1 THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAM, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE:
2 *PROVIDED, FINALLY*, THAT CURRENTLY ENROLLED NUTRITIONALLY-AT-
3 RISK PREGNANT LEARNERS IN BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM, CHILDREN
4 WITH DISABILITIES, AND OTHER MARGINALIZED OR VULNERABLE
5 GROUPS, INCLUDING INDIGENOUS LEARNERS AS DEFINED UNDER
6 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11510, AS WELL AS LEARNERS PARTICIPATING IN
7 REMEDIAL INTERVENTION AND SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING PROGRAMS,
8 SHALL LIKEWISE BE BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAM;
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10 “(c) Milk Feeding Program. – The GOVERNMENT’S MILK FEEDING
11 PROGRAM [NGAs] shall BE LED BY [coordinate with] the Department of
12 Agriculture (DA), THROUGH the National Dairy Authority, IN CONSULTATION
13 WITH the Philippine Carabao Center, and [the Cooperative Development
14 Authority,] IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPED AND THE DSWD. IT SHALL
15 INCORPORATE, [for the incorporation of] fresh milk, [and] fresh milk-based
16 food products, OR MILK-BASED SUBSTITUTES in the [fortified meals and]
17 cycle menu OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM OF THE DSWD
18 AND THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING OF THE DEPED in accordance with
19 Republic Act No. 8976, otherwise known as the “Philippine Food Fortification
20 Act of 2000[,]”, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY
21 (120) DAYS A YEAR, SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51 OR “THE
22 NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES,
23 BREASTMILK SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS”. [utilizing
24 as far as practicable, locally produced milk in order to enhance its nutritional
25 content and, at the same time, help boost livelihood opportunities for local
26 dairy farmers and the local dairy industry;}]
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28 “TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OF THE MILK
29 FEEDING PROGRAM, THE DA, THROUGH THE NDA, AND IN CONSULTATION
30 WITH THE PCC, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPPLY MAPPING,
31 PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY TO DESIGNATED DROP-OFF POINTS, SUPPLY
32 MONITORING, AND PAYMENT OF THE MILK SUPPLY.
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34 “IN PROCURING MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FOR THE PROGRAM,
35 LOCALLY PRODUCED FRESH MILK AND FRESH-MILK BASED PRODUCTS
36 SHALL BE USED. FURTHER, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL DAIRY
37 AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES ELIGIBLE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11321,
38 OR THE “SAGIP SAKA ACT”.
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40 “IN CASES WHERE LOCAL FRESH MILK SUPPLY IS INSUFFICIENT, THE
41 USE OF POWDERED MILK OR OTHER SUITABLE MILK SUBSTITUTES SHALL

1 BE ALLOWED, PARTICULARLY IN REMOTE AREAS, AS JOINTLY
2 DETERMINED BY THE DA THROUGH THE NDA, PCC, DEPED, THE DSWD,
3 THE NDA, AND THE PCC. THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES SHALL LIKEWISE
4 ADOPT MEASURES THAT PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY
5 OF THE LOCAL DAIRY INDUSTRY AND SUPPORT THE LIVELIHOOD OF
6 FILIPINO DAIRY PRODUCERS.

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8 "TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ACTUAL
9 IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, THE DSWD AND DEPED SHALL CONTINUE TO
10 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECEIVING AND INSPECTION OF THE MILK
11 SUPPLY FROM THE LOCAL MILK SUPPLIER, COLD STORAGE, DROP-OFF
12 POINT-TO-FEEDING SITE TRANSPORTATION, AND ACTUAL FEEDING AND
13 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
14 BENEFICIARIES.

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16 "PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MILK FEEDING
17 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL
18 APPROPRIATIONS OF THE NDA. FURTHERMORE, PROGRAM SUPPORT
19 FUNDS SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF
20 THE DSWD AND DEPED FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THEIR
21 RESPECTIVE OFFICES."

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23 "(d) Micronutrient [Supplements] SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. –The
24 [NGAs] DOH, in coordination with THE DSWD AND DEPED, shall provide AGE-
25 APPROPRIATE AND NEEDS-BASED micronutrient supplements to the
26 Program beneficiaries, AND IMPLEMENT [including] the use of iodized salt in
27 accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as the "Salt
28 Iodization or ASIN" law[;]: *PROVIDED*, THAT, SUBJECT TO THE
29 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE DEPED SHALL ADMINISTER WEEKLY IRON
30 AND FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTATION TO FEMALE LEARNERS, INCLUDING
31 FEMALE LEARNERS IN THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM,
32 PRIORITIZING AREAS WITH HIGH PREVALENCE OF ANEMIA: *PROVIDED*,
33 *FURTHER*, THAT THE NNC AND DOST-FNRI SHALL COORDINATE CLOSELY
34 WITH THE DEPED IN IDENTIFYING SUCH AREAS FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM
35 IMPLEMENTATION;

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37 "(e) Health Examination, Vaccination, and Deworming. – x x x;

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39 "(f) Gulayan sa Paaralan. – x x x;

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41 "(g) Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). – x x x; [and]

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2 “(h) Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and
3 Social Mobilization. – The Program shall be complemented by a public health,
4 nutrition, and values transformation campaign to promote a holistic and
5 integrated approach to health and nutrition education. Orientation-training
6 on the objectives and mechanics of the Program shall be held among
7 personnel of NGAs and LGUs concerned, [parent volunteers] PARENTS, OR
8 PARENT-SUBSTITUTES, OF THE BENEFICIARIES, and the parent-teachers
9 associations (PTAs) to generate support for the Program. The NGAs
10 concerned shall also endeavor to mobilize community organizations to
11 continue nutrition education outside of the school. THE NGAS AND LGUS
12 CONCERNED SHALL REGULARLY PROVIDE THE PARENTS, OR PARENT-
13 SUBSTITUTES, OF PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES WITH TAILORED HEALTH AND
14 NUTRITION EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. PARENTS, OR PARENT-
15 SUBSTITUTES, OF PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
16 ATTEND SUCH WORKSHOPS AS DETERMINED BY THE CONCERNED
17 AUTHORITY[.]; AND
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19 “(I) CENTRAL KITCHEN IN EVERY SCHOOLS DIVISION. – SCHOOLS
20 DIVISION OFFICES MAY ESTABLISH CENTRAL KITCHENS AS MAY BE
21 NECESSARY, WHICH SHALL BE USED TO PREPARE AND FACILITATE
22 DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED MEALS TO BENEFICIARIES WITHIN THEIR
23 JURISDICTION.
24

25 “TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT, SAFE, AND TIMELY PREPARATION AND
26 DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED MEALS, EACH CENTRAL KITCHEN SHALL
27 MAINTAIN A STANDARDIZED STAFFING PATTERN APPROPRIATE TO ITS
28 MEAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND WORKFLOW DEMANDS, IN
29 ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS DETERMINED
30 BY THE DEPED, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND DEPARTMENT OF
31 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.”
32

33 “SEC. 5. *Prioritization in the Program Implementation.* – The NGAs shall
34 create a five (5)-year plan to fully implement the Program: *Provided*, That
35 the NGAs concerned shall prioritize the implementation of the Program in the
36 LGUs and public day care or elementary schools that meet any of the
37 following criteria:
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39 “(a) With the highest prevalence of undernutrition and [nutrient]
40 MICRONUTRIENT-deficiency among children aged three (3) years up to
41 grade six (6) level;

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4 **SEC. 2.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows:
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7 "SEC. 7. *Local Government Assistance.* – LGUs shall assist the NGAs in
8 the efficient and effective implementation of the Program in accordance with
9 Section 4 of this Act and shall be authorized to use a portion of the Special
10 Education Fund (SEF) [and/or their twenty percent (20%) development fund]
11 OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS, OR BOTH, as provided for in
12 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of
13 1991", as amended, to augment the appropriations available under the
14 General Appropriations Act (GAA)."
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16 **SEC. 3.** New sections 8, 9 and 10 are hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 11037 to
17 read as follows:
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19 "SEC. 8. *PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCE FROM SMALL-SCALE FARMERS*
20 *AND FISHERFOLK.* – CONSISTENT WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11321, OR THE
21 "SAGIP SAKA ACT", THE GOVERNMENT SHALL DIRECTLY PURCHASE THE
22 AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE
23 NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FROM QUALIFIED AND ACCREDITED
24 FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK COOPERATIVES AND ENTERPRISES, IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
26 THE "NEW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT," ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES
27 AND REGULATIONS, AND APPLICABLE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE
28 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD.
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30 "AT ALL TIMES, AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE TOTAL
31 VOLUME OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS REQUIRED FOR THE
32 PROGRAM SHALL BE SOURCED DIRECTLY FROM LOCAL FARMERS AND
33 FISHERFOLK, GIVING PRIORITY TO SMALL-SCALE LOCAL FARMERS AND
34 FISHERFOLK. SOURCING FROM LOCAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK OTHER
35 THAN SMALL-SCALE LOCAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK SHALL ONLY BE
36 ALLOWED IF THEIR PRODUCE IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE FULL
37 REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM."
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39 "SEC. 9. *REGISTRY OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS.* – THE DA SHALL
40 KEEP A LIST OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS. IT SHALL USE THE FARMERS
41 AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

1 (FFEDIS), REGISTRY FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA), THE
2 REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE (RFO) LIST OF BENEFICIARIES, THE BUREAU OF
3 FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES' NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR
4 MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION (BFAR FISH R) FOR FISHERFOLK,
5 AND ANY OTHER LIST IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO KEEP THE REGISTRY
6 UP TO DATE. FURTHERMORE, THE DA IS REQUIRED TO COORDINATE WITH
7 THE DSWD TO CROSS-MATCH AND COMPARE THE REGISTRY WITH THE
8 DSWD'S NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD TARGETING SYSTEM FOR POVERTY
9 REDUCTION (NHTS-PR) TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND REDUNDANCY."

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11 "SEC. 10. *SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AGRARIAN REFORM*
12 *BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS.* – THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) SHALL INSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING
14 BENEFITS FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SMALL-SCALE
15 PRODUCERS AS CONTAINED IN THEIR LIST OF BENEFICIARIES:

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17 "A. TRAINING ON PRODUCTION, HARVESTING, PROCUREMENT
18 PROCESS OF THIS ACT, AND ANY OTHER TOPIC THE DAR SEES FIT;

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20 "B. SUBSIDIZED FARM EQUIPMENT;

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22 "C. FACILITIES FOR STORAGE AND HARVESTING;

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24 "D. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMER;

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26 "E. ACCESS TO CROP INSURANCE; AND

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28 "F. ACCESS TO CREDIT/LOW INTEREST RATES."

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30 **SEC. 4.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as section 11
31 and amended as follows:

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33 "SEC. [8] 11. *Private Sector Participation.* – The NGAs shall encourage
34 the participation of the private sector in the Program which shall include,
35 among others, PTAs, private corporations, peoples and nongovernment
36 organizations and such other groups or organizations, both foreign and local,
37 that may want to be partner in whole or in part with the implementation of
38 the Program: *PROVIDED, THAT THE DEPED, DSWD, AND DA SHALL*
39 *STRENGTHEN LINKAGES WITH MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES*
40 *AND COMMUNITY-BASED AND GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES FROM WHICH*
41 *DEPED SHALL SOURCE THE MEALS FOR THE PROGRAM, WHENEVER*

1 PRACTICABLE; *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT ALL PARTNERSHIPS SHALL
2 ADHERE TO EXISTING LAWS, GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND OTHER
3 APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
4 PARTNERSHIPS.”

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6 **SEC. 5.** Sections 9 and 10 of Republic Act No. 11037 are hereby renumbered as
7 sections 12 and 13 respectively.

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9 “SEC. [9] 12. *Monitoring and Annual Report.* – x x x.”

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11 “SEC. [10] 13. *Tax Exemption.* – x x x.”

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13 **SEC. 6.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section 14
14 and amended as follows:

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16 “SEC. [11] 14. *APPROPRIATIONS.* – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY [to
17 carry out the initial] FOR THE INITIAL implementation of this Act shall be
18 [sourced from] CHARGED AGAINST the CURRENT YEAR’S appropriations of
19 the [NGAs] DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
20 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary
21 for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
22 General Appropriations Act [under the respective budgets of the NGAs].

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24 “THE LGUS CONCERNED MAY PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR
25 THE PURPOSE, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL BUDGETS”.

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27 **SEC. 7.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section 15.

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29 “SEC. [12] 15. *Procurement of Goods and Services.* – x x x.

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31 **SEC. 8.** A new section 16 is hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 11037 to read as
32 follows:

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34 “SEC. 16. *TRANSITORY PROVISION.* – WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM
35 THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE DSWD, DEPED, AND DA SHALL EACH
36 UPDATE THEIR RESPECTIVE AND EXISTING POLICIES, RULES, AND
37 REGULATIONS IN LIGHT OF, AND RELEVANT TO, THIS ACT.”

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39 **SEC. 9.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the
40 effectivity of this Act, the DepEd and DSWD shall, in consultation with the DA, DOH,
41 NNC, DOST-FNRI, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and concerned

1 LGUs, and such other relevant government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and
2 development partners, promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective
3 implementation of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby amended. All laws,
6 presidential decrees, executive orders, resolutions, rules and regulations or parts thereof
7 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
8 accordingly.
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10 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision of this Act or any part hereof
11 be declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall
12 remain in force and effect.
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14 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
15 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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17 *Approved,*

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Committee Affairs Department

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(As approved by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 9 March 2026)

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM INTO A NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM BY EXPANDING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE AND ENHANCING ITS SUPPORT MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OR THE “MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT”

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OBJECTIVES:

- To broaden the coverage and extend the duration of the government's national feeding program
- To ameliorate the impact of malnutrition as pressing causes of learning difficulties and lagging performances of our students
- To ensure continuity of nutritional support throughout the entire basic education cycle
- To give a livelihood opportunity for small-scale farmers who will supply the vegetables and other produce needed in making healthy meals for the children

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Implements a supplemental feeding program for undernourished under five (5) years of age which shall be administered by the DSWD, in coordination with the LGUs concerned, in child development centers or in any other facility which can be used for such purpose, provided that:
 - The program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less than 200 days in a year;
 - The aforementioned meals shall be adequately funded to ensure that the children receive the appropriate amount of nutrition, with annual adjustments based on NNC and DOST-FNRI nutritional recommendations and inflation; and
 - In the preparation of fortified meals, the DSWD shall work in collaboration with recognized parents' organizations, as well as the parents and parent substitutes of the beneficiaries of the program, whenever practicable
- Mandates the DSWD, in collaboration with the NNC and the ECCD Council, to strengthen the child development and the health and nutrition components of the parent effectiveness service program, especially for the families of the target beneficiaries
- Mandates the DSWD to likewise collaborate with the DOH and the LGUs in providing health and nutrition services to undernourished children below two (2) years of age
- Expands the school-based feeding program, to be implemented by the DepEd, to cover all public school learners from Kindergarten to Grade 3 and undernourished learners from Grades 4 to 12, provided that:
 - The program shall include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal to the covered public school learners for a period covering the entire school calendar year, including summer remedial classes;

- For the period not covered by the school calendar as determined by the DepEd, the Schools Division Offices shall coordinate with the respective LGUs for the continuous implementation of the program;
 - The aforementioned meals shall be adequately funded to ensure that the learners receive the appropriate amount of nutrition, with annual adjustments based on NNC and DOST-FNRI nutritional recommendations and inflation;
 - In the preparation of fortified meals, the DepEd shall work in collaboration with concerned barangays, as well as the parents and parent-substitutes of the beneficiaries of the program, whenever practicable; and
 - Currently enrolled nutritionally-at-risk pregnant learners in basic education system, children with disabilities, and other marginalized or vulnerable groups, including indigenous learners as defined under Republic Act No. 11510, as well as learners participating in remedial intervention and supplementary learning programs, shall likewise be beneficiaries of the program
- Mandates the DA, through the National Dairy Authority (NDA), in consultation with the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), and in coordination with the DepEd and DSWD, to implement a milk feeding program which will incorporate fresh milk, fresh milk-based food products, or milk-based substitutes in the cycle menu in accordance with Republic Act No. 8976, or the “Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000”, subject to Executive Order No. 51 or “The National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products”
 - Directs the DA, through the NDA, and in consultation with the PCC, to be responsible for the supply mapping, procurement, delivery to designated drop-off points, supply monitoring, and payment of the milk supply
 - Prioritizes local dairy agricultural enterprises eligible under R.A. 11321, or the “Sagip Saka Act” to use locally produced fresh milk and fresh-milk based products in procuring milk and milk products for the program
 - Allows the use of powdered milk or other suitable milk substitutes in cases where local fresh milk supply is insufficient, particularly in remote areas
 - Mandates the DSWD and DepEd to continue to be responsible for the receiving and inspection of the milk supply from the local milk supplier, cold storage, drop-off point-to-feeding site transportation, and actual feeding and administration of the program to their respective beneficiaries to ensure the effective program delivery and actual implementation of the milk feeding program
 - Provides Program Support Funds to support the milk feeding program activities shall be included in the annual appropriations of the NDA. Furthermore, Program Support Funds shall also be included in the annual appropriations of the DSWD and DepEd for program implementation within their respective offices
 - Mandates the DOH, in coordination with the DSWD and DepEd, to provide age-appropriate and needs-based micronutrient supplements to the Program

beneficiaries, and implement the use of iodized salt in accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, or the “Salt Iodization or ASIN” law, provided that:

- Subject to the availability of funds, the DepEd shall administer weekly iron and folic acid supplementation to female learners, including female learners in the Alternative Learning System, prioritizing areas with high prevalence of anemia; and
- The NNC and DOST-FNRI shall coordinate closely with the DepEd in identifying such areas for effective program implementation
- Authorizes the NGAs and LGUs concerned to regularly provide the parents, or parent-substitutes, of program beneficiaries with tailored health and nutrition education workshops. parents, or parent-substitutes, of program beneficiaries shall be required to attend such workshops as determined by the concerned authority
- Provides that Schools Division Offices may establish Central Kitchens as may be necessary, which shall be used to prepare and facilitate distribution of fortified meals to beneficiaries within their jurisdiction
- Ensures the efficient, safe, and timely preparation and distribution of fortified meals by requiring each Central Kitchen maintain a standardized staffing pattern appropriate to its meal production capacity and workflow demands, in accordance with the eligibility and qualifications determined by the DepEd, Civil Service Commission, and Department of Budget and Management
- Prescribes that, at all times, at least 30% of the total volume of agricultural and fishery products required for the program shall be sourced directly from local farmers and fisherfolk, giving priority to small-scale local farmers and fisherfolk. sourcing from local farmers and fisherfolk other than small-scale local farmers and fisherfolk shall only be allowed if their produce is insufficient to meet the full requirements of the program
- Directs the DA to keep a list of small-scale producers using the Farmers and Fisherfolk Enterprise Development Information System (FFEDIS) Registry for Basic Sectors In Agriculture (RSBSA), the Regional Field Office (RFO) List of Beneficiaries, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources’ National Program for Municipal Fisherfolk Registration (BFAR FISH R) for Fisherfolk, and any other list it may deem necessary to keep the registry up to date
- Mandates the DAR to institute the following benefits for agrarian reform beneficiaries who are small-scale producers as contained in their list of beneficiaries: (a) Training on production, harvesting, procurement process of this Act, and any other topic the DAR sees fit; (b) Subsidized farm equipment; (c) Facilities for storage and harvesting; (d) Capacity building for small-scale farmer; (e) Access to crop insurance; and (f) Access to credit/low interest rates
- Provides the following conditions on private sector participation:
 - That the DepEd, DSWD, and DA shall strengthen linkages with micro, small, and medium enterprises and community-based and grassroots initiatives from which DepEd shall source the meals for the program, whenever practicable; and

- That all partnerships shall adhere to existing laws, government guidelines and other applicable rules and regulations on public-private partnerships
- Appropriates funds for the implementation of this Act to be charged in the respective budgets of the DepEd and DSWD in the annual General Appropriations Act
- Prescribes a transitory provision stating that within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, DepEd, and DA shall each update their respective and existing policies, rules, and regulations in light of, and relevant to, this Act

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 11037, or the “Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act”
- Republic Act No. 11321, or the “Sagip Saka Act”
- Republic Act No. 11510, or the “Alternative Learning System Act”
- Republic Act No. 8976, or the “Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000”
- Republic Act No. 8172, or the “Salt Iodization or ASIN” Law;
- Republic Act No. 7160, or the “Local Government Code of 1991”, as amended
- Executive Order No. 51, or “The National Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, Breastmilk Supplements and Other Related Products”