Summary of Amendment offered by
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

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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.