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[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)**S. 1693, THE SAFE FOOD FOR SCHOOLS ACT OF 2009**  
**H.R 4590, THE SCHOOL MEAL SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT****Summary**

S. 1693, the Safe Food for Schools Act of 2009, and H.R 4590, the School Meal Safety and Standards Act, seek to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require the Secretary to ensure the safety of school meals by enhancing coordination with States and schools operating school meal programs in the care of a recall of contaminated food.

**Status**

S. 1693 was introduced on 9/22/2009 and referred to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

H.R. 4590 was introduced on 2/3/2010 and referred to House Committee on Education and Labor.

**AVMA Position**

- Support

**Justification**

- While AVMA recognizes the USDA's successes with the National School Lunch Program, the AVMA supports the purpose of these bills which would improve food safety in food lunch program.
- The AVMA supports more rapid dissemination of food and commodity holds and recalls to schools and school food authorities; and the requirement that would require FSIS to insure that schools are included in effectiveness checks.

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