

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The Budget include General Provisions language as follows (new language underscored):

Title VII – General Provisions(Including Cancellations and Transfers of Funds)

**Section 701:** Provides authority for the purchase, replacement, and hire of passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations made available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2026 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased in fiscal year 2018: *Provided*, That, prior to purchasing additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety, to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public safety: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may not increase the Department of Agriculture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within.

**Section 702:** Authorizes the transfer of discretionary, unobligated funds appropriated by this Act or other available unobligated discretionary balances to the Working Capital Fund (WCF) for the purpose of acquiring plant and capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services with approval of the Agency Administrator. Amounts transferred under this authority would not be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of Congress are notified. In addition, language allows up to 4 percent of total annual income to the WCF for fiscal year 2025 may be retained in the Fund for fiscal year 2025, to remain available until expended, to be used for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center, the amounts reserved are not available for obligation without notification to the Appropriations Committees. Funds available for investment from among the equity accounts of the Department's WCF may be allocated among the activities the WCF supports for any purpose relating to information technology modernization.

SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act or any other available unobligated discretionary balances that are remaining available of the Department of Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund to acquire and improve property, equipment, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, such transferred funds to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency administrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be available for obligation without written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the Department's National Finance Center without written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of

Congress: *Provided further*, That control of any functions, missions, and systems for current and future human resources management and integrated personnel and payroll systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall remain in the National Finance Center and under the management responsibility and administrative control of the National Finance Center: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market to existing and new Departments and other government agencies National Finance Center shared services including, but not limited to, payroll, financial management, and human capital shared services and allow the National Finance Center to perform technology upgrades: *Provided further*, That of annual income amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the Department of Agriculture attributable to the amounts in excess of the true costs of the shared services provided by the National Finance Center and budgeted for the National Finance Center, the Secretary shall reserve not more than 4 percent for the replacement or acquisition of services and equipment, including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and implementation of financial, administrative, and information technology services, and other systems of the National Finance Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary submits written notification of the obligation to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the limitations on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of the National Finance Center.

**Section 703:** Provides that no part of any appropriation in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless otherwise specified.

SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

**Section 704:** Limits the negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements between the Department and nonprofit institutions to 10 percent of the value of the agreement.

SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements or similar arrangements between the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institutions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest between the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are provided in this Act.

**Section 705:** Provides that subsidy authority for Rural Development Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account remain available until expended to cover obligations.

SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made available in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year for the following accounts: the Rural Development Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account, and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

**Section 706:** Prohibits the use of funds to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), without approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Technology Investment Review Board and Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer without written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 11319 of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available to the Department of Agriculture for information technology shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Information Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without written approval from the Chief Information Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency measured against the performance plan requirements described in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 113-235.

**Section 707:** Allows funds made available in a fiscal year for the Agricultural Management Assistance Program to remain available until expended to cover obligations made in the same fiscal year but are not available for new obligations.

SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year.

**Section 708:** Continues language to expand eligibility for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development (RED) Grants program to former RUS borrowers and entities.

SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section 313B(a) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower under such Act.

**Section 709:** Allows up to \$20 million of unobligated balances from the Farm Service Agency mission area Salaries and Expenses account to be used for information technology expenses through 2027.

SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated balances from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall remain available through September 30, 2027, for information technology expenses.

**Section 710:** Prohibits the use of funds for first-class travel that does not comply with Federal regulations on temporary duty travel allowances.

SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for first-class travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in contravention of sections 301-10.122 through 301-10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

**Section 711:** Continues language providing the authority to use Commodity Credit Corporation funds provided for certain Farm Bill programs for technical assistance and administrative expenses related to those programs and excludes programs for which indefinite amounts are provided, with regard to the limitations contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

SEC. 711. In the case of each program established or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is authorized or required to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation—

- (1) such funds shall be available for salaries and related administrative expenses, including technical assistance, associated with the implementation of the program, without regard to the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and
- (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment for purposes of applying the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in such section.

**Section 712:** Provides a spending limit of \$2.9 million for activities related to all Federal Advisory Committee Act committees of the Department.

SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act, not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary expenses of activities related to all advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively awarded grants.

**Section 713:** Continues language restricting the use of funding for computer networks unless it blocks pornography.

SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

**Section 714:** Allows the Agricultural Marketing Service to retain unobligated balances until expended for Section 32 purposes, with up to \$350 million of balances allowed for direct payments to reestablish farmers' purchasing powers. The total Section 32 spending cap for 2021 is \$1.67 billion. Commodity Purchase Services, administrative funds, is to be funded at \$40.97 million.

SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 (7 U.S.C. 612c-6; in this section referred to as "section 14222"), none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section referred to as "section 32") in excess of \$1,667,049,000 (exclusive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years), as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commodities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—\$2,500,000; Administration of section 32 Commodity Purchases—\$40,971,108: *Provided*, That, of the total funds made available in the matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on October 1, 2026, such unobligated

balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2027 and shall remain available until expended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that any such carryover funds used in accordance with clause (3) of section 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides written notification of the expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least two weeks in advance: *Provided further*, That, with the exception of any available carryover funds authorized in any prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of clause (3) of section 32, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section 32.

**Section 715:** Allows the Secretary to assess a one-time fee for any guaranteed business and industry loan of up to 3 percent of the guaranteed principal portion of the loan.

SEC. 715. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for any guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount that does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal portion of the loan.

**Section 716:** Continues language restricting the release of information to non-USDA employees that was gathered to respond to the appropriations hearing process.

SEC. 716. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or the Farm Credit Administration shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result of information requested for the appropriations hearing process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-Department of Health and Human Services, non-Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or non-Farm Credit Administration employee.

**Section 717:** Continues to exclude incarcerated prison populations for the purposes of determining program eligibility or level of program assistance for Rural Development Programs.

SEC. 717. For the purposes of determining eligibility or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison populations.

**Section 718:** Allows the Secretary to increase the program level by not more than 25 percent for loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority. Prior to implementing the increase, the Secretary is required to provide written notification at least 15 days in advance.

SEC. 718. For loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority and the program level has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may increase the program level for such loans and loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Secretary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.

**Section 719:** Limits the use of refunds or rebates from credit card purchases to the acquisition and improvement of property and equipment for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, information technology, and other support systems and requires advanced congressional notification.

SEC. 717. None of the credit card refunds or rebates transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to section 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food

and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76) shall be available for obligation without written notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided*, That the refunds or rebates so transferred shall be available to acquire and improve property, equipment, and other support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services, including cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

**Section 720:** Allows the section 502 single family housing guaranteed loan program to operate similar to FHA and VA home loan guarantees, allowing lenders to issue loan guarantees on behalf of the Federal government.

SEC. 720. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.

**Section 721:** Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration concerning exemptions in relation to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

SEC. 721. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowledge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investigational use of a drug or biological product under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

**Section 722:** Restricts funding for the Child Nutrition Program concerning the substitution of vegetables for fruits within the school breakfast program.

SEC. 722. For school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce the matter in the fifth sentence of section 220.8(c)(2)(i) and the third sentence of section 220.8(c)(2)(ii) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to the substitution of vegetables for fruits under the school breakfast program established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

**Section 723:** Prohibits funds from being used to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp in research as authorized by Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill, subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or Section 10114 of the 2018 Farm Bill.

SEC. 723. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used—

- (1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or section 10114 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; or
- (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or outside the State in which the hemp is grown or cultivated.

**Section 724:** Allows the Secretary to waive the matching funds requirement for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture programs under Section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998.

SEC. 724. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).

**Section 725:** Continues language stating that manufacturers may continue complying with old requirements published by the Food and Drug Administration even after a final rule is published specifically concerning healthy nutrient content claims provided the information includes the compliance date provided in the final rule.

SEC. 725. (a) After the effective date of any final rule the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) publishes in connection with its proposed rule to update these requirements (87 Federal Register 59168, issued on September 29, 2022), manufacturers may also continue to comply with the previous requirements promulgated by the FDA for the implied nutrient content claim "healthy" through the "compliance date" FDA provides in the final rule.

(b) Any food product manufactured and labeled as "healthy" during the compliance period FDA provides in that final rule shall not be directly or indirectly subject to any state-law requirements that are not identical to either (i) the Federal requirements for the implied nutrition content claim "healthy" that were in effect as of the date FDA issues the final rule, or (ii) the updated Federal requirements that FDA promulgates in the final rule, assuming the updated requirements go into effect during the regulatory compliance period.

**Section 726:** Continues language stating that only a school food authority (SFA) that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, is required to comply with paid lunch equity requirements, which ensure the SFA has sufficient funds for meals served to students not eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

SEC. 726. For school year 2026-2027, only a school food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).

**Section 727:** Clarifies USDA's authority to set aside funds for the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program.

SEC. 727. Any funds made available by this or any other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section 1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended, shall be available for grants for biotechnology risk assessment research: *Provided*, That the Secretary may transfer such funds among appropriations of the Department of Agriculture for purposes of making such grants.

**Section 728:** Provides authorization for NRCS to provide technical assistance for the Watershed Operations and Rehabilitation and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

SEC. 728. The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use funds appropriated under this Act or any other Act for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide technical services for such programs pursuant to

section 1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.

**Section 729:** Continues language concerning the administration of the Re-Connect pilot program providing not more than 10 percent of the funding to communities considered Areas Rural in Character.

SEC. 729. In administering the pilot program established by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141), the Secretary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining entities eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities which are "Areas Rural in Character": *Provided*, That not more than 10 percent of the funds made available under the heading "Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program" for the purposes of the pilot program established by section 779 of Public Law 115-141 may be used for this purpose.

**Section 730:** Continues language providing priority to the definition of rural areas as defined in the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for Water and Waste Disposal facilities.

SEC. 730. In this fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement section 3.7(f) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 in a manner inconsistent with section 343(a)(13) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

**Section 731:** Amends the Multifamily Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1981 to provide proper authority to standardize foreclosures across states, consistent with how HUD is authorized to carryout foreclosures. The efficiency created by USDA having independent foreclosure authority will dramatically reduce the timeframes required to dispose of the property and will facilitate more expedient and direct re-use according to community needs.

SEC. 731. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended in paragraph (2)-- (a) at subparagraph (D) by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon; (b) at subparagraph (E) by (1) striking the period and inserting "; and"; and (2) inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph: "(F) section 514 or 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485)".

**Section 732:** Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration concerning regulations on sodium reductions until an assessment is completed on short-term sodium reduction targets.

SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used by the Food and Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote or advance any final guidelines or new regulations applicable to food manufacturers for long-term population-wide sodium reduction actions until an assessment is completed on the impact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.

**Section 733:** Continues language allowing APHIS employees who earned premium pay be exempted from the basic pay and premium pay calculations provided the services provided they are in response to an animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak.

SEC. 733. If services performed by APHIS employees are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an animal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any premium pay that is funded, either directly or through reimbursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of basic pay and premium pay calculated under section 5547(b)(1)(2) of title 5, United States Code, and any other provision of law limiting the aggregate



amount of premium pay payable on a biweekly or calendar year basis: *Provided*, That this section shall take effect as if enacted on January 1, 2025.

**Section 734:** Continues language prohibiting inspections of horses for slaughter.

SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of personnel—

- (1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);
- (2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104-127); or
- (3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).

**Section 735:** Requires sodium limitations effective in School Year 2025-2026 continue through School Year 2028-2029, then allows for revisions.

SEC. 735. Sodium limits in effect for School Year 2025–2026 in child nutrition meal patterns shall remain effective through School Year 2028–2029, after which sodium limits that may be included in any rulemaking, notice or guidance of or regarding USDA Final Rule (Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans; RIN 0584-AE88), shall not be more restrictive than the Target 2 sodium levels published in the final rule entitled "Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs" published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 4087).

**Section 736:** Amends the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to allow disaster funding provided in that Act to be available for disasters which occurred in not only calendar year 2022 but also 2023 and 2024.

SEC. 728. The first proviso under the heading "Rural Community Facilities Program Account" in title I of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328) is amended by inserting "or 2024" after "calendar year 2023": *Provided*, That amounts repurposed pursuant to this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Section 737:** Requires that the Secretary of Agriculture be included as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case basis and require notification by the Secretary to Committee on Foreign Investment of agricultural transactions that may pose a risk to the national security of the United States.

SEC. 737. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be included as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case basis pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(k)(2)(J)) with respect to each covered transaction (as defined in section 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4))) involving agricultural land, agriculture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry (including agricultural transportation, agricultural storage, and agricultural processing), as determined by the CFIUS Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the maximum extent practicable, notify the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States of any agricultural land transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to believe,

based on information from or in cooperation with the Intelligence Community, is a covered transaction (A) that may pose a risk to the national security of the United States, with particular emphasis on covered transactions of an interest in agricultural land by foreign governments or entities of concern, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 19221(a), including the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and (B) with respect to which a person is required to submit a report to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 2(a) of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

**Section 738:** Continues language allowing the Office of the General Counsel to enter into reimbursable agreements with USDA agencies when the level of services requested exceed the number of hours allocated to a particular agency.

SEC. 738. The agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the General Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act, for costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such agencies or offices under time-limited agreements entered into with such agencies and offices: *Provided*, That such transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law.

**Section 739:** Extends the current prohibition on requiring matching funds on grants for improvements to meat and poultry facilities to allow for interstate shipment. With the extension, the prohibition will be in place until the end of fiscal year 2026. In addition, this GP extends the authority to conduct the Livestock Mandatory Reporting program.

SEC. 739. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by striking "2025" and inserting "2026".

(b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106-78) is amended by striking "2025" and inserting "2026".

**Section 740:** Cancels \$75 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for the Water and Waste Disposal Grants program.

SEC. 740. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available under the heading "Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program account", \$75,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amount shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Section 741:** Cancels \$40 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for the ReConnect program.

SEC. 741. Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available for the ReConnect program as authorized in section 779 of title VII of division A of Public Law 115-141, \$40,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Section 742:** Amends the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to allow disaster funding provided in that Act to be available for disasters which occurred in not only calendar year 2022 but also 2023 and 2024.

SEC. 742. (a) The first proviso under the heading "Rural Water and Waste Disposal Account" and the first sentence under the heading "Rural Housing Assistance Grants" in title I of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-

328) are amended by striking "calendar year 2022" and inserting "calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024".

**Section 743:** Cancels \$391 million from unobligated balances from amount made available for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

SEC. 743. Of the unobligated balances from amounts made available for the supplemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), \$391,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Section 744:** Includes language allowing waivers on matching fund requirements for New Beginning and Tribal Students.

SEC. 744. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the matching funds requirement under section 1450(b)(4) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222e(b)(4)) in support of New Beginning for Tribal Students.

**Section 745:** Includes language restricting the implementation of the final rule concerning WIC packages regarding increasing the cash value for fruits and vegetables.

SEC. 745. None of the funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to implement the final rule, "Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages," published on April 18, 2024, with regard to increasing the cash value for fruits and vegetables.

**Section 746:** Cancels \$20 million from unobligated balances from amounts made available for in the Agricultural Marketing Service – Marketing Services program.

SEC. 746. Of the unobligated balances from amounts made available for "Agricultural Marketing Service - Marketing Services", \$20,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, that no amounts shall be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.