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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CASEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________________________

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Wise Investment in
5 our Children Act of 2015” or the “WIC Act”.

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SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN.

Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) ‘Children’ means persons who have had their first birthday but have not yet attained their fifth birthday, except in a case in which a State agency determines that the waiver of that age limit is necessary to accommodate—

“(A) the unique circumstances of an individual child; or

“(B) an individual who is at least 1, and less than 6, years of age.”;

(2) in subsection (d)(3)(A), by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) INFANTS.—A State may elect to certify participant infants for a period of up to 2 years.”;

(3) in subsection (e)(4)(A), by striking “up to age 5” and inserting “under the age of 6”; and

(4) in subsection (f)(7)(D)(i), by striking “age of 5” and inserting “age of 6”.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

Section 1902(a)(53)(A) of title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(53)(A)) is amended by striking “age of 5” and inserting “age of 6”.