



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5144**

*February Session, 2026*

LCO No. 540



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:

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| REP. RADER, 98th Dist.           | SEN. COHEN, 12th Dist.           |
| REP. TURCO, 27th Dist.           | REP. BLUMENTHAL, 147th Dist.     |
| REP. CONSTANTINE, 42nd Dist.     | REP. SANCHEZ J., 6th Dist.       |
| REP. MORRIN BELLO, 28th Dist.    | REP. GENGA, 10th Dist.           |
| REP. REYES, 75th Dist.           | REP. JACOBSON, 148th Dist.       |
| REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.         | REP. LUXENBERG, 12th Dist.       |
| REP. ARZENO, 151st Dist.         | REP. DELANY, 144th Dist.         |
| REP. SHAKE, 120th Dist.          | REP. CONCEPCION, 4th Dist.       |
| REP. KAVROS DEGRAW, 17th Dist.   | REP. HADDAD, 54th Dist.          |
| REP. SANTOS, 109th Dist.         | SEN. CABRERA, 17th Dist.         |
| REP. BERGER-GIRVALO, 111th Dist. | REP. CANDELARIA J., 95th Dist.   |
| REP. DOUCETTE, 13th Dist.        | REP. ROCHELLE, 104th Dist.       |
| REP. BAKER, 124th Dist.          | REP. MCGEE T., 116th Dist.       |
| SEN. MARONEY, 14th Dist.         | SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.           |
| SEN. MAHER, 26th Dist.           | SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.          |
| REP. GILCHREST, 18th Dist.       | REP. COMEY, 102nd Dist.          |
| REP. GODFREY, 110th Dist.        | SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd Dist.       |
| REP. WELANDER, 114th Dist.       | SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX, 22nd Dist.   |
| REP. ELLIOTT, 88th Dist.         | REP. FELIPE, 130th Dist.         |
| REP. GUCKER, 138th Dist.         | REP. BROWN M., 127th Dist.       |
| REP. PARIS, 145th Dist.          | REP. GIBSON, 15th Dist.          |
| REP. NOLAN, 39th Dist.           | REP. BUTLER, 72nd Dist.          |
| REP. BROWN, 56th Dist.           | SEN. HOCHADEL, 13th Dist.        |
| SEN. SLAP, 5th Dist.             | REP. JOHNSON, 143rd Dist.        |
| REP. GARIBAY, 60th Dist.         | REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th Dist.       |
| REP. HEFFERNAN, 115th Dist.      | REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd Dist. |
| REP. WINTER, 94th Dist.          | SEN. RAHMAN, 4th Dist.           |
| REP. BIGGINS, 11th Dist.         | SEN. LOPES, 6th Dist.            |
| REP. GAUTHIER, 38th Dist.        | REP. ROSARIO, 128th Dist.        |

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| REP. BUMGARDNER, 41st Dist.    | REP. FORTIER, 79th Dist.       |
| REP. GAIEWSKI, 40th Dist.      | REP. DIGIOVANCARLO, 74th Dist. |
| REP. COLLINS MAIN, 146th Dist. | REP. SIMMS, 140th Dist.        |
| REP. LAMARK MUIR, 36th Dist.   | REP. KHAN, 5th Dist.           |
| REP. DEMICCO, 21st Dist.       | REP. LEMAR, 96th Dist.         |
| REP. SMITH F., 118th Dist.     | REP. BELTON, 100th Dist.       |
| SEN. GASTON, 23rd Dist.        | REP. SANCHEZ E., 24th Dist.    |
| REP. SANCHEZ I., 25th Dist.    | REP. HALL J., 7th Dist.        |
| REP. MENAPACE, 37th Dist.      | REP. GRESKO, 121st Dist.       |
| REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd Dist.       | REP. GEE, 126th Dist.          |
| REP. JOHNSON, 49th Dist.       | REP. EXUM, 19th Dist.          |
| REP. SWEET, 91st Dist.         | SEN. MARX, 20th Dist.          |
| SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.          | REP. SANTIAGO H., 84th Dist.   |
| REP. CHAFEE, 33rd Dist.        | REP. LEEPER, 132nd Dist.       |
| REP. MARTINEZ, 22nd Dist.      | REP. HORN, 64th Dist.          |
| REP. KEITT, 134th Dist.        | REP. PAOLILLO A., 97th Dist.   |
| REP. SHANNON, 117th Dist.      | SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.          |
| REP. STEINBERG, 136th Dist.    | REP. FARRAR, 20th Dist.        |
| SEN. KUSHNER, 24th Dist.       | REP. FAZZINO, 83rd Dist.       |
| REP. QUINN, 82nd Dist.         | REP. FOSTER, 57th Dist.        |
| REP. LINEHAN, 103rd Dist.      | REP. PEMBERTON, 139th Dist.    |
| REP. ANISKOVICH, 35th Dist.    | SEN. FLEXER, 29th Dist.        |

**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       That the sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars be appropriated to the Department of  
2       Education, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
3       2027, to provide (1) breakfasts to students at no cost at schools  
4       participating in the school breakfast program, and (2) lunch to students,  
5       who are eligible for reduced-price meals, at no cost at schools  
6       participating in the school lunch program.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide funding to reimburse school districts for the difference between the federal reimbursement rate for reduced-price and fully paid school meals.