



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5214

LCO No. 1283



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL MEALS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 sections 10-215, 10-215a and 10-266w of the general statutes, for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each eligible school district shall (1)
4 provide (A) school breakfasts to all students at no charge to such
5 students, and (B) school lunches to all students eligible for free or
6 reduced priced lunch at no charge to such students, and (2) be eligible
7 to receive a grant from the Department of Education for such free school
8 breakfasts and school lunches. As used in this section, "eligible school
9 district" means a local or regional board of education, state or local
10 charter school or an interdistrict magnet school operator that (A) is
11 participating in the federal School Breakfast Program or the National
12 Lunch Program, as the case may be, and (B) is not implementing the
13 Community Eligibility Provision; and "Community Eligibility
14 Provision" means the federal meal reimbursement program
15 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, as set
16 forth in 7 CFR 245.9, as amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide free school breakfasts to all students in the state and to provide free school lunches for all students who are eligible for free or reduced priced lunches in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]