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SYNOPSIS

Encourages the establishment of "breakfast after the bell" programs in school districts, public school, and nonpublic schools participating in the federal school breakfast program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school breakfast programs and supplementing
2 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A public school operated by a school district of the State
8 participating in the federal school breakfast program or a nonpublic
9 school participating in the federal school breakfast program is
10 encouraged to increase the number of students participating in the
11 program by establishing a "breakfast after the bell" program
12 through the incorporation of school breakfast in the first-period
13 classroom or during the first few minutes of the school day.

14 b. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
15 Department of Education shall:

16 (1) make every effort to assist, guide, and support school
17 districts, public schools, or nonpublic schools in planning,
18 establishing, implementing, or modifying the "breakfast after the
19 bell" program to increase the participation rate of all students in the
20 school breakfast program, especially students from low income
21 families; and

22 (2) prepare and issue an annual report to the Governor and,
23 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
24 Legislature on the number and percentages of students from low
25 income families participating in the school breakfast program, and
26 the format used for providing breakfast, for each school district,
27 public school, or nonpublic school.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill encourages a public school operated by a school district
35 of the State participating in the federal school breakfast program or
36 a nonpublic school participating in the federal school breakfast
37 program to increase the number of students participating in the
38 program by establishing a "breakfast after the bell" program
39 through the incorporation of school breakfast in the first-period
40 classroom or during the first few minutes of the school day.

41 Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of Agriculture,
42 in conjunction with the Department of Education, would: make
43 every effort to assist, guide, and support school districts, public
44 schools, or nonpublic schools in planning, establishing,
45 implementing, or modifying the "breakfast after the bell" program
46 to increase the participation rate of all students in the school
47 breakfast program, especially students from low-income families;
48 and prepare and issue an annual report to the Governor and the

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- 1 Legislature on the number and percentage of students from low-
- 2 income families participating in the school breakfast program for
- 3 each school district and the format used for providing breakfast, for
- 4 each school district, public school, or nonpublic school.