

# SENATE, No. 2000

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits school district from denying student school breakfast or school lunch because payment is in arrears without prior notice to parent.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2014)**

1 AN ACT concerning school meals and supplementing chapter 33 of  
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. In the event that a school district determines that a student's  
8 school breakfast or school lunch bill is in arrears, the district shall  
9 contact the student's parent or guardian to provide notice of the  
10 arrearage and shall provide the parent or guardian with a period of  
11 10 school days to pay the amount due. If the student's parent or  
12 guardian has not made full payment by the end of the 10 school  
13 days, then the district shall again contact the student's parent or  
14 guardian to provide notice that school breakfast or school lunch, as  
15 applicable, shall not be served to the student beginning one week  
16 from the date of the second notice unless payment is made in full.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 The purpose of this bill is to ensure that a student is not suddenly  
24 denied a school breakfast or school lunch because the school district  
25 determines that the student's food bill is in arrears.

26 The bill provides that if a public school student's school  
27 breakfast or school lunch bill is in arrears, the district must contact  
28 the student's parent or guardian to provide notice of the arrearage  
29 and provide a period of 10 school days to pay the amount due. If  
30 the parent or guardian does not make full payment by the end of the  
31 10 school days, the district is to then provide a second notice that  
32 school breakfast or school lunch, as applicable, will not be served to  
33 the student beginning one week from the date of this second notice  
34 unless payment is made in full.