

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 254

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**SYNOPSIS**

Urges President and Congress to expand access to afterschool summer meal programs and streamline application process for summer meals.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the President and Congress to  
2 expand access to afterschool summer meal programs and  
3 streamline the application process for summer meals.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Increasingly, non-profit community-based and local  
6 government afterschool providers are offering summer learning  
7 programs to ensure students have access to educational enrichment  
8 opportunities during the summer months; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Children rely on summer learning programs to feed their  
10 minds as well as their bodies; and

11 **WHEREAS**, During the summer months, however, millions of children  
12 lose access to school breakfast and lunch and are at risk of going  
13 hungry; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)  
15 Food and Nutrition Service's Summer Food Service Program  
16 (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program that  
17 reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and  
18 teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school  
19 is not in session; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The Food and Nutrition Service under the USDA also  
21 administers several other programs that provide healthy food to  
22 children including the National School Lunch Program, School  
23 Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Fresh  
24 Fruit and Vegetable Program, and Special Milk Program; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Administered by state agencies, each of these programs  
26 helps fight hunger and obesity by reimbursing organizations such as  
27 schools, child care centers, and afterschool programs for providing  
28 healthy meals to children; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Non-school entities, however, are allowed to operate  
30 multiple child nutrition programs, which require separate  
31 applications; and

32 **WHEREAS**, Allowing SFSP to be served under the National School  
33 Lunch Program will increase the number of low-income children  
34 who have access to nutritious afterschool meals; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Streamlining should allow public and private organizations  
36 to complete one application so that they can provide children meals  
37 afterschool, during the summer, on weekends, and during school  
38 holidays; and

39 **WHEREAS**, Programs should have the option of serving two meals and  
40 a snack or three meals so that children can continue learning  
41 throughout the day; and

42 **WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of the citizens of New Jersey to  
43 urge the President and Congress to expand access to afterschool  
44 summer meal programs as well as streamline the application  
45 process for summer meals; now, therefore,

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47 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New  
48 Jersey:

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1       1. The President and the Congress of the United States are  
2 respectfully urged to expand access to after school summer meal  
3 programs as well as streamline the application process for summer  
4 meals.

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6       2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
7 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
8 President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United  
9 States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the  
10 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority  
11 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary  
12 of the United States Department of Agriculture, each member of  
13 Congress elected from the State of New Jersey, and the Secretary of  
14 the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

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**STATEMENT**

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19 This resolution urges the President and Congress to expand access  
20 to afterschool summer meal programs and streamline application  
21 process for summer meals.