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SYNOPSIS

Creates “Nourishing Young Minds Initiative Fund” in Dept. of Agriculture to help pay for child food and nutrition programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/24/2017)

1 AN ACT concerning child food and nutrition programs and
2 supplementing 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. There is hereby created in the Department of Agriculture
8 a non-lapsing revolving fund to be known as the “Nourishing
9 Young Minds Initiative Fund,” which shall be held separate and
10 apart from all other funds of the State. All monies appropriated
11 annually by the Legislature, federal and other grants received by the
12 State, and any other monies made available for the purposes of the
13 fund shall be deposited in the fund.

14 Monies deposited in the fund shall be held in interest-bearing
15 accounts in public depositories, as defined pursuant to section 1 of
16 P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41), and may be invested or reinvested in
17 such securities as are approved by the State Treasurer. Interest or
18 other income earned on monies deposited in the fund shall be
19 credited to the fund for use as set forth in subsection b. of this
20 section for other monies in the fund.

21 b. Monies in the “Nourishing Young Minds Initiative Fund”
22 shall be used by the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with
23 the Department of Education, to provide support and funding to
24 child food and nutrition programs in the State, which shall include:

25 (1) funding outreach and programmatic support by the
26 Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or
27 community-based organizations;

28 (2) providing small grants to fund one-time startup or expansion
29 costs of “breakfast after the bell” programs; and

30 (3) providing small grants to fund one-time start-up or expansion
31 costs of summer nutrition programs.

32 c. Funding shall be prioritized for award to districts or schools
33 with the highest number of eligible students and lowest
34 participation in the school breakfast program.

35 d. The Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the
36 Department of Education, may adopt, pursuant to the
37 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
38 seq.), rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this
39 act.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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47 Department of Agriculture to be known as the “Nourishing Young
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