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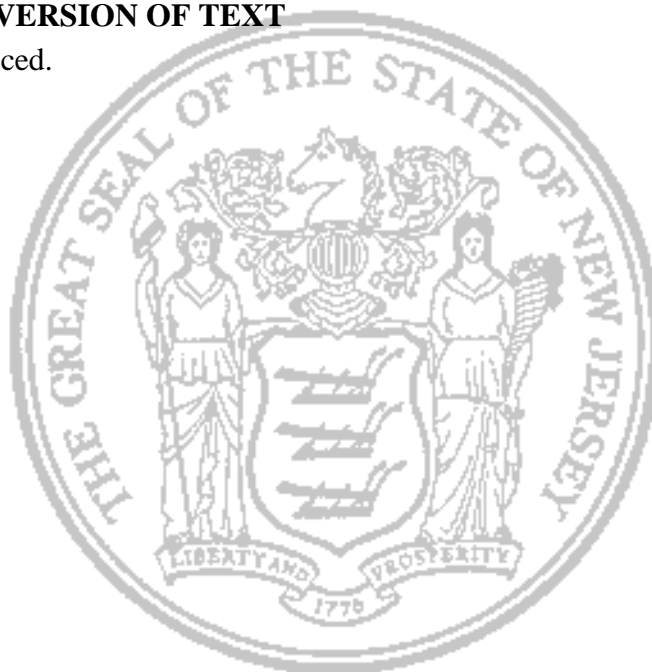
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and Assemblyman Johnson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school breakfast and school lunch programs,  
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and making  
3 an appropriation.

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

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any other law, or rule or regulation  
9 adopted pursuant thereto to the contrary, no public school student  
10 eligible for a reduced price breakfast under a School Breakfast  
11 Program established pursuant to P.L.2003, c.4 (C.18A:33-9 et seq.),  
12 or a reduced price lunch pursuant to P.L.1974, c.53 (C.18A:33-4 et  
13 seq.), shall be required to pay for any reduced price breakfast or  
14 reduced price lunch.

15 b. The State shall pay the difference between the federal  
16 allocation for reduced price breakfasts and reduced price lunches  
17 and the total cost of the reduced price breakfasts and reduced price  
18 lunches served by public schools to eligible students. The  
19 Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of  
20 Education, shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the  
21 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
22 seq.), establishing the schedule for, and the manner in which,  
23 reimbursements shall be made to school districts, and any other  
24 provisions necessary for the implementation of this act.

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26 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
27 Department of Agriculture the sum of \$4,500,000 to be distributed  
28 pursuant to section b. of section 1 of this act for the cost of the  
29 difference between the federal allocation for reduced price  
30 breakfasts and reduced price lunches and the total cost of reduced  
31 price breakfasts and reduced price lunches served by public schools  
32 to eligible students.

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34 3. This act shall take effect on the 180<sup>th</sup> day following the date  
35 of enactment, except the Department of Agriculture and the  
36 Department of Education may take any advance administrative  
37 action as may be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill provides that the State pay for reduced price breakfasts  
43 and lunches so that they are no cost to eligible students. The bill  
44 would require the State to pay the difference between the federal  
45 allocation and the total cost of the reduced price breakfasts or  
46 reduced price lunches served to public school students. The bill  
47 also directs the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations  
48 establishing the schedule for, and the manner in which,

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1 reimbursements would be made to districts, and any other  
2 provisions necessary to implement the bill. Finally, the bill  
3 appropriates \$4.5 million to cover the required payment under the  
4 bill. This is the amount estimated by the Department of Agriculture  
5 to be the amount needed to make the reimbursements to school  
6 districts.