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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “breakfast after the bell” incentive fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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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. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
8 Department of Education, shall develop and administer an incentive
9 fund that will provide a 10-cent per breakfast supplement to the
10 existing federal reimbursement to school districts that (1)
11 participate in the federal school breakfast program, and (2) meet the
12 eligibility requirements established pursuant to subsection b. of this
13 section.

14 b. A public school district with schools that participate in the
15 federal school breakfast program that serve “breakfast after the
16 bell” with 20 to 100 percent of its students eligible for free or
17 reduced price breakfast shall be eligible for this additional
18 reimbursement.

19 c. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
20 Department of Education, shall provide guidance and support to
21 school districts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

22 d. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
23 Department of Education, shall prepare and issue an annual report
24 to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
25 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the annual cost of the
26 incentive fund to the State, and the number and percentage of
27 additional students participating in the “breakfast after the bell”
28 program for each school district.

29 e. The Legislature shall annually appropriate such funds as are
30 necessary to implement this act.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation
38 with the Department of Education, to develop and administer a
39 “breakfast after the bell” incentive fund to provide an additional
40 reimbursement to certain school districts that participate in the
41 federal school breakfast program.

42 Under the bill, the incentive fund will provide a 10-cent per
43 breakfast supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to a
44 school district with schools that participate in the federal school
45 breakfast program that serve “breakfast after the bell” with 20 to
46 100 percent of its students eligible for free or reduced price
47 breakfast.

1 The bill directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation
2 with the Department of Education, to provide guidance and support
3 to school districts, and to prepare and issue an annual report
4 detailing the annual cost of the incentive fund and the number and
5 percentage of additional students participating in the “breakfast
6 after the bell” program for each school district.

7 The bill specifies that the Legislature is to annually appropriate
8 funds necessary to implement the bill.

9 The purpose of the fund is to provide an incentive to school
10 districts in this State to move to a school breakfast model that has
11 the capacity to reach more hungry students since low to middle
12 income school districts face greater challenges in covering the costs
13 of an effective school breakfast program.