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SYNOPSIS

Establishes school breakfast kiosk pilot program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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1 **AN ACT** concerning school breakfast programs.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
7 Department of Education, shall develop and administer a two-year
8 school breakfast kiosk pilot program to encourage increased
9 breakfast participation by students in public schools.

10 b. A local or regional school district of the State may establish
11 a school breakfast kiosk pilot program at the school. A pilot
12 program school shall provide students with access to school
13 breakfast items from a cart, cubicle, or kiosk, consistent with the
14 requirements of the federal school breakfast program, for purchase,
15 and students shall be allowed to use any available federal
16 reimbursement to subsidize a purchase.

17 c. A school district seeking to participate in the State pilot
18 program shall submit to the Department of Agriculture a school
19 breakfast kiosk pilot plan for a school in the district. The plan shall
20 be in compliance with, and operate pursuant to, the school breakfast
21 program administered by the Department of Agriculture. The plan
22 for the school shall be submitted to the Department of Agriculture
23 in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The plan shall
24 outline how the school will make food available on a cart, cubicle,
25 or kiosk on the way into the school or to a classroom, dining room,
26 or other designated area. The plan shall also outline food choices,
27 including how they will be consistent with federal guidelines,
28 pricing, and packaging requirements, as well as location, support,
29 and disposal needs.

30 d. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
31 Department of Education, shall review each school breakfast kiosk
32 pilot plan submitted and make recommendations, if necessary, on
33 how the pilot plan can operate within the limits of the federal and
34 State reimbursement rates for the federal school breakfast program.
35 The Secretary of Agriculture shall award one pilot program to each
36 of three school districts, in the northern, central, and southern
37 regions of the State respectively, selected by the Commissioner of
38 Education.

39 e. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
40 Department of Education, shall provide such guidance and support
41 to school districts and participating schools as may be necessary to
42 effectuate the purposes of this act.

43 f. Within 180 days after completion of the two-year pilot
44 program required pursuant to this act, the Department of
45 Agriculture shall prepare and issue a report to the Governor and,
46 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
47 Legislature on the impact of the State pilot program on students,
48 including the percentage of low income students receiving breakfast

1 services under the program. As used in this subsection, “low
2 income student” means a student who qualifies for free or reduced
3 price lunch under the federal school lunch program.

4 g. There is established within the Department of Agriculture a
5 fund to be known as the “New Jersey School Breakfast Kiosk Pilot
6 Program Fund.” The fund shall be used to provide grants to school
7 districts under the pilot program. The fund shall be annually
8 credited with the moneys appropriated by the Legislature, any
9 moneys received by the State from corporate donors or other private
10 sector support, and any federal funds which may become available.
11 The department shall solicit such funds or other resources as may be
12 available from the federal government or private nonprofit or for-
13 profit sources to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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15 2. The implementation of a school breakfast kiosk pilot
16 program under this act shall be subject to the requirements of
17 section 3 of P.L.2003, c.4 (C.18A:33-11).

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19 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
20 180th day after completion of the two-year period authorized for the
21 pilot program pursuant to this act.

22 23 24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation
27 with the Department of Education, to develop and administer a two-
28 year school breakfast kiosk pilot program in three school districts
29 selected by the Commissioner of Education, in the northern, central,
30 and southern regions of the State. The bill provides that a local or
31 regional school district of the State may establish a school breakfast
32 kiosk pilot program at the school. The Department of Agriculture is
33 required to award a pilot program to one school district in each of
34 the three regions of the State.

35 The purpose of the school breakfast kiosk program is to increase
36 the participation of students in school breakfast through increased
37 accessibility to breakfast items in the school. The program will
38 help more children start the school day with a nutritious breakfast in
39 order to learn, grow, and develop to their full potential. Research
40 shows that school breakfast increases attendance and decreases
41 tardiness, improves academic performance both in class and on
42 standardized tests, improves attentiveness, and reduces emotional
43 and behavioral problems among students from all backgrounds.