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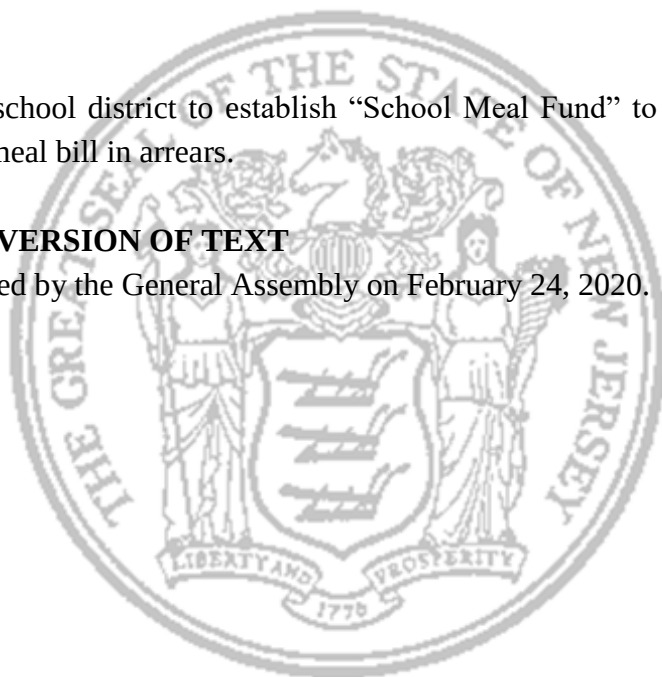
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SYNOPSIS

Requires school district to establish "School Meal Fund" to assist students with school meal bill in arrears.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on February 24, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/24/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning school meals and supplementing chapter 33 of
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. ¹A board of education shall accept monetary donations
8 from any person or entity for the purposes of assisting students with
9 the purchase of school breakfast or school lunch and satisfying any
10 arrears of school breakfast or school lunch bills of students enrolled
11 in the school district, unless the donation is otherwise precluded by
12 law or regulation.¹ A board of education shall **‘[establish] place the**
13 **donations in**¹ a “School Meal Fund” ¹, which shall be established
14 by the board of education¹ for the ¹sole¹ purpose of accepting
15 donations to assist students ¹enrolled in the district¹ with the
16 purchase of school breakfast or school lunch and to **‘[fund] satisfy**¹
17 any arrears **‘[in the] of**¹ school breakfast or school lunch bills **‘[of**
18 students enrolled in the school district. A board of education shall
19 accept donations from any person or entity, unless the donation is
20 otherwise precluded by law or regulation**’]**¹. The School Meal Fund
21 shall be established through the adoption of a resolution by the
22 board of education. The fund shall be maintained under the
23 jurisdiction of the board of education and the supervision of the
24 school business administrator.

25 ¹School Meal Fund moneys shall be maintained in a separate
26 bank account.¹ The fund shall be credited with any donations made
27 to the fund, any moneys allocated to the fund by the school district,
28 and any interest income that may be earned on the investment of
29 moneys in the fund. ¹The fund shall be reduced by all costs related
30 to the operation of the fund, including bank service fees and direct
31 administrative costs for the oversight and management of the fund.
32 Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried
33 forward into subsequent fiscal years and utilized solely for the
34 purposes of this subsection.¹

35 b. The board of education shall ensure, through the adoption of
36 a board policy, that all financial and bookkeeping controls are
37 adequate to ensure appropriate fiscal accountability of the fund.
38 The board policy shall also outline the standards that shall be
39 applied in making a determination to disburse funds from the
40 School Meal Fund. ¹The policy shall ensure equitable distribution
41 of the funds that are disbursed.¹ Disbursements from the fund shall
42 be recorded showing the date, purpose, and amount of the
43 disbursement. The fund shall be subject to audit as part of the
44 school district’s annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.18A:23-1.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **‘[thus]’** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted February 24, 2020.

1 c. The board of education shall provide, through written and
2 electronic means, information to the parents and guardians of
3 students enrolled in the school district and to other residents of the
4 school district and community organizations ¹ [on the establishment
5 of the fund, its purposes,] regarding the board of education's
6 obligation to accept donated funds for the purposes established
7 pursuant to subsection a. of this section¹ and the procedures to be
8 followed to make a donation to the fund. The information shall also
9 be posted in a prominent location on the school district's Internet
10 website. ¹The notification requirement shall not apply to school
11 districts in which all schools within the district have adopted the
12 Community Eligibility Provision, as that term is defined in
13 subsection c. of P.L.2018, c.26 (C.18A:33-14.1), and provide free
14 school meals to all students enrolled in the district.¹

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.