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SYNOPSIS

Provides anti-stigmatization protections to public school student whose school breakfast or school lunch bill is in arrears and requires school district to communicate about arrearages to parent and not to student.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 suddenly denied a school meal because the school district
2 determines that the student's school meal bill is in arrears.
3 This bill provides additional protections for a student whose
4 school meal bill is in arrears. Under the bill, the school district
5 would not be permitted to publicly identify or stigmatize a student
6 who cannot pay for a school breakfast or a school lunch or whose
7 meal bill is in arrears by, for example, requiring the student to wear
8 a wristband or hand stamp or by prohibiting the student from
9 participating in field day, a class trip, or other extracurricular
10 activities. In addition, the district would not be permitted to require
11 the student to do chores or other work to pay for the school
12 breakfast or school lunch. The bill also requires a school district to
13 communicate about a meal bill in arrears to the parent or guardian,
14 not to the student. The bill clarifies, though, that a school district is
15 allowed to send a student home with a letter addressed to a parent
16 or guardian regarding the meal bill matter.