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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires each public middle school and high school to establish a food services advisory committee to consider menu options that reflect students' cultural food preferences.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school breakfast and lunch menus and  
2 supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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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. The principal of each public middle school and high  
9 school shall establish a food services advisory committee to  
10 consider and recommend school breakfast and lunch menu options  
11 that better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body.  
12 The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity and make  
13 recommendations to the principal.

14 b. Members of the committee shall be selected by the principal  
15 and shall include a food services employee, a school administrator,  
16 a school nurse, and four students enrolled in the school.

17 c. The committee shall convene a minimum of four times  
18 during each school year with no meeting being convened less than  
19 two months after the preceding meeting.

20 d. In making its recommendations for new menu options that  
21 better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body, the  
22 committee shall also consider: available funding for the school  
23 breakfast and school lunch program, equipment, and other issues  
24 that may serve to limit food choices; the qualifications of the  
25 school's food services employees; and the nutritional value of the  
26 new menu options.

27 e. Any new menu options offered by the school shall meet  
28 nutritional standards in the National School Lunch and School  
29 Breakfast Programs.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill directs the principal of each public middle school and  
37 high school to establish a food services advisory committee to  
38 consider and recommend school breakfast and lunch menu options  
39 that better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body.  
40 The committee will serve in an advisory capacity and make  
41 recommendations to the principal.

42 Under the bill, members of the committee will be selected by the  
43 principal and will include a food services employee, a school  
44 administrator, a school nurse, and four students enrolled in the  
45 school.

46 The bill directs members of the committee to also consider:  
47 available funding, equipment, and other issues that may serve to  
48 limit food choices; the qualifications of the school's food services

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- 1 employees; and the nutritional value of the new menu options.
- 2 Finally, the bill provides that any new menu options offered by the
- 3 school must meet nutritional standards in the National School
- 4 Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.