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SYNOPSIS

Establishes State supplement for "breakfast after the bell" meals.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school breakfast programs and supplementing 2 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. a. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall provide a 10-cent per breakfast 8 9 supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to school districts 10 that participate in the federal school breakfast program by providing "breakfast after the bell." 11 12 The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the b. 13 Department of Education, shall provide guidance and support to 14 school districts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. 15 c. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the 16 Department of Education, shall prepare and issue an annual report 17 to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 18 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the annual cost of the breakfast supplement to the State, and the number of additional 19 20 students, since the prior year, participating in the "breakfast after the bell" program for each school district. 21 22 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate such funds as are 23 necessary to implement this act. 24 25 This act shall take effect immediately. 2. 26 27 **STATEMENT** 28 29 30 This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation 31 with the Department of Education, to develop and administer a 32 "breakfast after the bell" State supplement to provide an additional 33 reimbursement to certain school districts that participate in the 34 federal school breakfast program. 35 Under the bill, the State will provide a 10-cent per breakfast supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to a school 36 37 district with schools that participate in the federal school breakfast 38 program by providing "breakfast after the bell." 39 The bill directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation 40 with the Department of Education, to provide guidance and support 41 to school districts, and to prepare and issue an annual report 42 detailing the annual cost of the State supplement and the number 43 and percentage of additional students participating in the "breakfast 44 after the bell" program for each school district. 45 The bill specifies that the Legislature is to annually appropriate 46 funds necessary to implement the bill.