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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.

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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. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
8 Department of Education, shall provide a 10-cent per breakfast
9 supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to school districts
10 that participate in the federal school breakfast program by providing
11 “breakfast after the bell.”

12 b. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the
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
19 breakfast supplement to the State, and the number of additional
20 students, since the prior year, participating in the “breakfast after
21 the bell” program for each school district.

22 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate such funds as are
23 necessary to implement this act.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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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
36 supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to a school
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.