

Subject School meals

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Overview

This bill requires participants in the national school lunch program to adopt a meals policy, and provide meals in a respectful manner.

Summary

Section Description

1 School meals policies; lunch aid; food service.

Subd. 1. School meals policies. Requires participants in the national school lunch program to adopt and post a school meals policy. The policy must address student meal charges and collections practices; prohibit withdrawals of meals served to students; ensure that a student eligible for free and reduced-price lunch is always served a reimbursable meal; and be provided to a third party meal services vendor.

Subd. 1a. School lunch aid amounts. Creates a new subdivision with language previously in subdivision 1 that establishes the state aid reimbursement rates (which are unchanged in this bill).

Subd. 4. No fees. Prohibits a participant from denying school lunch to a student who qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch, regardless of whether the student has an outstanding balance in the student's meal account for any reason.

Subd. 5. Respectful treatment. Requires a participant to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner and conform to the school meals policy. Prohibits certain reminders of outstanding meal balances, and prohibits limiting student participation in school activities due to unpaid student meal balances. Requires the commissioner to send a letter of noncompliance to a participant that does not provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner, and the participant to respond and remedy the practice within 60 days.

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Subd. 6. Definitions. Defines the terms “al a carte” and “school meals” for purposes of this section.



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