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Overview

This bill proposes to increase the funding for students' school lunches and breakfasts, remove the requirement that an applicant for a fast break for learning grant be an elementary school and expand school eligibility for receiving priority for a fast break for learning grant.

Section

- 1 **School lunch computation aid.** Increases from eight to 14 cents the amount that the state must pay to school districts for the student lunches the district serves.
- 2 **Program reimbursement.** (a) Increases from 5.1 to eight cents the amount that the state must reimburse schools for the student breakfasts the school serves, except student breakfasts eligible for the "severe need" rate.
(b) Increases from 10.5 to 12 cents the amount the state must reimburse schools for free and reduced price student breakfasts in those cases where between 33 and 40 percent of the school lunches the school served in the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.
- 3 **Eligibility.** Strikes the requirement that a grant applicant must be an elementary school. Requires the commissioner to give first priority for grants to schools where at least 30, instead of 33 percent of lunches a school served to children in the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.
- 4 **Application process.** Strikes the requirement that a grant applicant must be an elementary school.
- 5 **Appropriations.** Appropriates unspecified sums in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 for school lunch aid, fast break to learning grants, and school breakfast programs.