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Overview

This bill requires participants in the national school lunch program to adopt a meals policy, creates an unpaid school lunch account in the special revenue fund, and allows school districts to collect unpaid fees through revenue recapture.

Section

1 Duties of commissioner. Requires the commissioner to coordinate and review local school meals policies.

2 School meals policies; lunch aid; food service accounting.

Subd. 1. School meals policies. Requires participants in the national school lunch program to adopt and post a model school meals policy. The policy must address student meal charges and collections practices; prohibit withdrawal of meals served to students; and be provided to a third party meal services vendor.

Subd. 1a. Commissioner's duties. Requires the commissioner to develop a model school meals policy, notify participants that their policies must be approved and posted, and publicize the statewide unpaid school lunch account.

Subd. 1b. School lunch aid amounts. Provides state school lunch aid amounts and creates unpaid school lunch account in the special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. Application. Requires a participant to annually submit its school meals policy to the department.

Subd. 5. Respectful treatment. Requires a participant to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner and conform to the school meals policy.

Section

- 3** **Claimant agency.** Includes school districts in the definition of “claimant agency” for purposes of the Revenue Recapture Act, which authorizes the Department of Revenue to intercept tax refunds to pay debts owed to claimant agencies.