HB 1753 2004 A bill to be entitled

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8 9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16 17

18

19

An act relating to public school food service programs; amending s. 1006.06, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the establishment of school food service programs; requiring district school boards to analyze the operational efficiency of school food service programs; requiring a cost accounting report; requiring requests for information relating to private-sector school food services under certain circumstances; requiring district school boards to consider outsourcing food service programs under certain circumstances; providing requirements for outsourcing school food services; requiring reports to the Department of Education and district school boards; amending s. 1010.20 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to report to the Legislature and the State Board of Education the food service expenditures of each school district and the extent to which the services are self-supporting; amending s. 1010.21, F.S.; defining indirect costs for food service expenditure reporting; providing an effective date.

20 21

22

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

23

24

25

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1006.06, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to said section, to read:

26 27

1006.06 School food service programs.--

28 29

In recognition of the demonstrated relationship between good nutrition and the capacity of students to develop

Page 1 of 5

HB 1753 2004

and learn, it is the policy of the state to provide standards for school food service and to require district school boards to establish and maintain an appropriate private school food service program consistent with the nutritional needs of students.

- (6)(a) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, each school district shall analyze the operational efficiency of its school food service program. The analysis shall include a review of the financial condition of the school food service program presented in a financial statement format and a review of the program's profit and loss experience for the current and prior 3 fiscal years. The calculation of the profit and loss for the program shall include all revenue and costs, including indirect costs as defined in s. 1010.21(2), and shall be reported to the Department of Education and the district school board within 60 days after the end of the district's fiscal year.
- (b) School districts with 15,000 or more students with school food service programs operating at a loss during any of the past 3 fiscal years shall issue a request for information to determine the availability and cost of private-sector school food services. Any school district required to issue a request for information pursuant to this subsection shall issue a report to the Department of Education and the district school board within 60 days after the due date of the request for information summarizing the results of the request. The report presented to the department and the district school board shall include the total cost of providing food services by the school district as required in paragraph (a) and the estimates of each private-sector respondent to the request for information.

HB 1753 2004

(c) School food service programs in the state should strive to operate in an efficient manner and require no supplement of operating funds from the school district, which funds are best used for other education-related activities. School districts that have been required to supplement their food service programs in prior years are encouraged to pursue outsourcing for their food service programs when it is advantageous to the school district to achieve economies of scale. School districts outsourcing their food service programs must require the private-sector vendor to provide first consideration of employment to existing food service employees and offer existing employees the choice to remain school district employees or to become employees of the private-sector vendor. Staff reductions resulting from the outsourcing of food service programs shall be handled through attrition or placement into other available school district positions prior to direct layoffs of school district employees. A school district that has supplemented its food service program in the current or prior 3 years that chooses not to outsource its food service program must justify the decision not to outsource the food service program and submit an operational plan to reduce its program expenditures to match revenue sources to the Department of Education within 60 days after the decision not to outsource the food service program.

Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of section 1010.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

1010.20 Cost accounting and reporting for school districts.--

(2) COST REPORTING. --

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

83

84

85

86 87 HB 1753 2004

(d) The Department of Education shall annually prepare a report for submission to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education by October 1 of each year that identifies the school food service expenditures of each school district that are reported pursuant to s. 1006.06(6), including a narrative description of the extent to which school food services are self-supporting.

Section 3. Section 1010.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1010.21 Indirect costs.--

- (1) District school boards shall assess district indirect costs only for services received by the program or institution against which such cost is assessed. When assigning each specific indirect cost to multiple programs or institutions, district school boards shall identify one basis for the assessment of such cost and shall maintain the same basis for assigning such cost to each program or institution.
- (2) School districts shall identify all indirect costs relating to school food service programs when preparing analyses of program efficiency. Indirect costs relating to school food service programs shall include, but are not limited to, building maintenance and depreciation, utilities, waste removal, pest control, insurance, storage and distribution, printing, administration of payroll, employee benefits and retirement, purchasing, human resources, accounts payable and receivable processing, and all other administrative services performed by district staff to which a benefit to the school food service program is derived. Indirect costs of the school food service

HB 1753 2004 117 program shall include only those costs relating to the food service program and shall be prorated to the school food service 118 program if the indirect costs also relate to other district 119 120 operations. 121

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.