

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Wise,
Gaetz and Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to school food service programs; amending
3 s. 1006.06, F.S.; encouraging the expansion of school
4 district breakfast programs to middle and high schools;
5 specifying requirements for the provision of universal
6 free school breakfast; requiring information to be
7 communicated to students and parents; authorizing the
8 Department of Education to develop an incentive program to
9 encourage student participation; providing an effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1006.06, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1006.06 School food service programs.--

17 (5) (a) Each district school board shall implement school
18 breakfast programs in all elementary schools that make breakfast
19 available to all students in the schools. ~~kindergarten through~~
20 ~~grade 6 in each district school, unless the elementary school~~
21 ~~goes only through grade 5, in which case the requirement shall~~
22 ~~apply only through grade 5.~~ Each district school board shall
23 implement breakfast programs in all elementary schools in which
24 students are eligible for free and reduced price lunch meals, to
25 the extent specifically funded in the General Appropriations Act.
26 Each district school board is encouraged to expand its school
27 breakfast programs to make breakfast available to all students in
28 its middle and high schools.

29 (b) Beginning in the 2008-2009 school year:

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30 1. Each district school board is encouraged to make
31 available universal free breakfast to eligible students in each
32 elementary, middle, and high school in which 80 percent or more
33 of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

34 2. Elementary, middle, and high school students in these
35 schools shall annually receive information prepared by the
36 district's food service administration regarding the school
37 breakfast program. The information shall be communicated through
38 school announcements and written notice sent to all parents.

39 (c) A district school board may operate a breakfast program
40 providing for food preparation at the school site or in central
41 locations with distribution to designated satellite schools or
42 any combination thereof.

43 (d) ~~(b)~~ The commissioner shall make every reasonable effort
44 to ensure that any school designated a "severe need school"
45 receives the highest rate of reimbursement to which it is
46 entitled pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 1773 for each free and reduced
47 price breakfast served.

48 (e) ~~(e)~~ The department shall calculate and distribute a
49 school district breakfast supplement for each school year by
50 multiplying the state breakfast rate as specified in the General
51 Appropriations Act by the number of free and reduced price
52 breakfast meals served.

53 (f) The department is encouraged to develop, with national
54 breakfast foundations and the Department of Agriculture, a cost-
55 efficient incentive model to encourage school districts to expand
56 student participation in school breakfast programs. The cost-
57 efficient expansion model shall be developed with the use of
58 existing funds and those funds made available from private

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59 organizations and foundations.

60 (g)~~(d)~~ The Legislature shall provide sufficient funds in
61 the General Appropriations Act to reimburse participating school
62 districts for the difference between the average federal
63 reimbursement for free and reduced price breakfasts and the
64 average statewide cost for breakfasts.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.