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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.; requiring 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; providing procedures for school
7	breakfast programs and requiring information to be
8	communicated to students and parents; authorizing the
9	Department of Education to develop an incentive program to
10	encourage student participation; providing an effective
11	date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1006.06, Florida
16	Statutes, is amended to read:
17	1006.06 School food service programs
18	(5)(a) Each district school board shall implement school
19	breakfast programs in all elementary schools which shall that
20	make breakfast available to all students in the schools. By the
21	beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, each district school
22	board shall expand its school breakfast programs to make
23	breakfast available to all students in its middle and high
24	schools. kindergarten through grade 6 in each district school,
25	unless the elementary school goes only through grade 5, in which
26	case the requirement shall apply only through grade 5. Each
27	district school board shall implement breakfast programs in all
28	elementary schools in which students are eligible for free and
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29	reduced price lunch meals, to the extent specifically funded in
30	the General Appropriations Act.
31	(b) By the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year:
32	1. The district school board shall provide universal free
33	breakfast to all students in each elementary, middle, and high
34	school in which 80 percent or more of students are eligible for
35	free or reduced-price meals, to the extent specifically funded
36	in the General Appropriations Act. In these schools, at least 10
37	percent of the breakfast meals shall be served at an alternative
38	site location which may include, but not be limited to,
39	"breakfast in the classroom," "Grab 'n' Go" breakfast, and
40	"breakfast on the bus."
41	2. All elementary, middle, and high school students shall:
42	a. Have permission to visit a breakfast point-of-sale,
43	receive a "Grab 'n' Go" breakfast, and eat the breakfast in the
44	classroom for a period of time of at least 15 minutes after the
45	first bell has rung if the school bus ridden by the student
46	arrives late or for a reasonable period of time that enables the
47	student to eat the breakfast if the school bus arrives after the
48	first bell has rung.
49	b. Annually receive information prepared by the district's
50	food service administration regarding the school breakfast
51	program. The information shall be communicated through school
52	announcements and written notice sent to all parents.
53	(c) A district school board may operate a breakfast
54	program providing for food preparation at the school site or in
55	central locations with distribution to designated satellite
56	schools or any combination thereof.
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57 <u>(d) (b)</u> The commissioner shall make every reasonable effort 58 to ensure that any school designated a "severe need school" 59 receives the highest rate of reimbursement to which it is 60 entitled pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 1773 for each free and reduced 61 price breakfast served.

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

67 The department may develop an incentive program for (f) school districts to encourage the expansion of student 68 participation in school breakfast programs through innovative 69 70 means which may include, but not be limited to, rewarding schools that significantly increase student participation and 71 72 schools that maintain a 75-percent student participation rate. To the extent specifically funded in the General Appropriations 73 74 Act, funding shall be given to school districts according to the 75 percentage of students serve.

76 <u>(g) (d)</u> The Legislature shall provide sufficient funds in 77 the General Appropriations Act to reimburse participating school 78 districts for the difference between the average federal 79 reimbursement for free and reduced price breakfasts and the 80 average statewide cost for breakfasts.

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

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