



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 111
EFFECTIVE March 17, 2024

WHEREAS, This act would require free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools; and

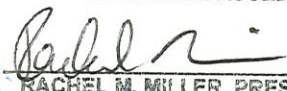

WHEREAS, The proposed act advocates for the allocation of a per-breakfast subsidy to school districts in Rhode Island for each breakfast served to students, thereby bolstering the nonprofit school food service account and facilitating the provision of nutritious breakfast meals to enhance student well-being and academic success; and

WHEREAS, It is universally acknowledged that every student's physical and cognitive development hinges upon access to nutritious meals, crucial for enhancing educational outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council supports House Bill 7337 and Senate Bill 2046 and formally requests that the General Assembly pass them this session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

A N A C T

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

Introduced By: Representatives Sanchez, Morales, Stewart, Hull, Henries, Handy, and Slater

Date Introduced: January 26, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 16-8-10 and 16-8-10.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-8 entitled "Federal Aid [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" are hereby amended to read as follows:

16-8-10. Mandatory school lunch programs.

All public elementary and secondary schools shall be required to make breakfast and type A lunches available to students attending those schools in accordance with rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the department of elementary and secondary education. ~~To the extent that federal, state, and other funds are available, free and reduced price~~ Free breakfast and type A lunches shall be provided to all students ~~from families that meet the current specific criteria established by federal and state regulations.~~ The requirement that free breakfast and type A lunches be provided shall apply to locally managed school breakfast and lunch programs, and school breakfast and lunch programs administered directly by the department of elementary and secondary education or by any other public agency whether using school facilities or a commercial catering service. The department of elementary and secondary education is further authorized to expand the school breakfast and lunch ~~program programs to the extent that federal, state, and/or local funds are available~~ by the utilization of one or more food preparation centers for delivery to participating schools for the purpose of providing meals to students on a more economical basis than could be provided by a community acting individually.

16-8-10.1. Mandatory school breakfast programs.

1 (a) All public schools shall make a [free](#) breakfast program available to students attending
2 the school, [in compliance with the provision of § 16-8-10](#). The breakfast meal shall meet any rules
3 and regulations that are adopted by the commissioner; [provided that no student or the student's](#)
4 [family shall be charged for the breakfast](#).

5 (b) The state of Rhode Island shall provide school districts a per breakfast subsidy for each
6 breakfast served to students. The general assembly shall annually appropriate some sum and
7 distribute it based on each district's proportion of the number of breakfasts served in the prior
8 school year relative to the statewide total in the same year. This subsidy shall augment the nonprofit
9 school food service account and be used for expenses incurred in providing nutritious breakfast
10 meals to students.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Cano, Kallman, DiMario, Lawson, Mack, Gu, Quezada,
Bell, and Euer

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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