



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

SB2428

Introduced 1/30/2018, by Sen. Steve Stadelman

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act. Provides that every school in this State shall provide a federally reimbursable lunch to a student of that school who requests the lunch, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the lunch or owes money for earlier lunches. Provides that if a student owes money for 5 or more lunches, a school shall reach out to the parent or guardian of the student to attempt collection of the owed money and to request that the parent or guardian enroll the student in a free or reduced-price lunch program. Provides that a school may not publicly identify or stigmatize a student who cannot pay for a lunch or who owes money for lunches. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "school" means any
7 public or private elementary or secondary school that
8 participates in the national school lunch program.

9 Section 10. Reimbursable lunch.

10 (a) Every school in this State shall provide a federally
11 reimbursable lunch to a student of that school who requests the
12 lunch, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay
13 for the lunch or owes money for earlier lunches. The school may
14 not provide a student requesting a lunch under this subsection
15 (a) an alternate lunch that is different from the other lunches
16 provided to students in that school.

17 (b) If a student owes money for 5 or more lunches, a school
18 shall reach out to the parent or guardian of the student to
19 attempt collection of the owed money and to request that the
20 parent or guardian enroll the student in a free or
21 reduced-price lunch program.

1 Section 15. Anti-stigmatization practices. A school may
2 not publicly identify or stigmatize a student who cannot pay
3 for a lunch or who owes money for lunches in a manner that
4 includes, but is not limited to:

5 (1) requiring the student to wear a wristband;

6 (2) giving the student a hand stamp;

7 (3) requiring the student to throw away a meal after
8 being served;

9 (4) requiring the student to sit in a separate
10 location; or

11 (5) any other action that would stigmatize the student.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.