

# SB2209



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2209

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Christopher Belt

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 126/18 new

Amends the Childhood Hunger Relief Act. Provides that, subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education shall award grants of up to \$5,000 per school site on a competitive basis to eligible school districts, regional superintendents of schools, or entities approved by the State Board of Education for nonrecurring expenses incurred in initiating a school breakfast after the bell program. Sets forth what the grants may be used for and who gets preference for a grant.

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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 5. The Childhood Hunger Relief Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 18 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 126/18 new)

7 Sec. 18. Breakfast after the bell grant program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the State Board of Education  
9 shall award grants of up to \$5,000 per school site on a  
10 competitive basis to eligible school districts, regional  
11 superintendents of schools, or entities approved by the State  
12 Board of Education for nonrecurring expenses incurred in  
13 initiating a school breakfast program under Section 16.

14 Grants awarded under this Section shall be used for  
15 nonrecurring costs of initiating a breakfast after the bell  
16 program, including the acquisition of equipment, training of  
17 staff in new capacities, outreach efforts to publicize new or  
18 expanded school breakfast programs, minor alterations to  
19 accommodate new equipment, computer point-of-service systems  
20 for food service, and the purchase of vehicles for  
21 transporting food to schools. Grant funds may not be used for  
22 the salaries and benefits of staff, food, computers, except  
23 computer point-of-service systems, or capital outlay.

1       (b) In making grant awards under this Section in any  
2 fiscal year, the State Board of Education shall give a  
3 preference to school districts and regional superintendents of  
4 schools that do all of the following:

5           (1) Submit to the State Board of Education a plan to  
6 start or expand school breakfast programs in the school  
7 district or the educational service region, including a  
8 description of the following:

9                   (A) the manner in which the school district or  
10 regional superintendent of schools will provide  
11 technical assistance and funding to school sites to  
12 expand school breakfast programs;

13                   (B) the nonrecurring expenses needed to initiate a  
14 school breakfast program; and

15                   (C) public or private resources that have been  
16 assembled to carry out expansion of school breakfast  
17 programs during the school year.

18           (2) Agree to operate a school breakfast program for a  
19 period of not less than 3 school years.

20           (3) Ensure that the expenditure of funds from State  
21 and local resources for the maintenance of a school  
22 breakfast program are not diminished as a result of a  
23 grant award received under this Section.