

Fiscal Impact Statement

DATE	1/21/25
BILL	SB59
SPONSOR	Dismang
SUBTITLE	TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WITH ONE BREAKFAST AT NO COST EACH SCHOOL DAY UPON HIS OR HER REQUEST WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A FEDERALLY FUNDED FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEAL

TOPIC

Child Nutrition

AFFECTED FUNDS

PSF

REVENUE IMPACT

\$14,700,000

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

- The reimbursement rate for the Federal School Breakfast Program free student is \$2.28.
- The Federal School Breakfast Program reimburses 0.38 for each paid breakfast served.
- The state cost to reimburse each paid breakfast to the full free rate would be \$1.90 per breakfast.

Assuming a 6.7% increase to participation the division estimates 7.7M paid meals will be served. At \$1.90 per meal the total cost would be \$14.7M.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

From July 2023 to June 2024 the state was reimbursed for 7.2M paid meals. At \$1.90 per meal the total cost to the state would have been \$13.7M.

In 2021-2022 the Federal School Breakfast Program reimbursed all breakfasts at the free rate. From 2018-19 to 2021-2022 Arkansas saw a 6.7% increase in the number of students eating breakfast.

