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A Bill

SENATE BILL 59

5 By: Senators J. Dismang, C. Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WITH ONE
10 BREAKFAST AT NO COST DURING EACH SCHOOL DAY UPON HIS
11 OR HER REQUEST WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC
12 SCHOOL STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A FEDERALLY FUNDED
13 FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT WITH
18 ONE BREAKFAST AT NO COST EACH SCHOOL DAY
19 UPON HIS OR HER REQUEST WITHOUT
20 CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A FEDERALLY
22 FUNDED FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEAL
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722, concerning free and reduced-price
27 meals, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

28 (f)(1) A public school student who is not a qualifying student under
29 this section and does not receive a free breakfast through any local, state,
30 or federal program shall be provided one (1) breakfast at no cost during each
31 school day upon his or her request without consideration of his or her
32 eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

33 (2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of
34 subdivision (f)(1) of this section, the department shall provide funds that
35 have been disbursed to the department from the United States Government for
36 purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school to cover



1 the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to
2 each public school student who is not a qualifying student under this
3 section.

4 (B) If federal funds appropriated to the department for a
5 child nutrition program are insufficient to cover the cost of providing one
6 (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student
7 who is not a qualifying student, the department shall use funds as authorized
8 by law to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during
9 each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying
10 student.

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