
SENATE BILL 5971

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By Senators Pelz, Talmadge and Bauer; by request of Governor Lowry

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1 AN ACT Relating to child nutrition programs; adding new sections to
2 chapter 28A.235 RCW; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that hungry children
5 do not come to school prepared to learn. It is of utmost importance
6 that all children be provided adequate space and meal time for basic
7 nutrition and nutrition education so that they may grow and be prepared
8 to compete in the future. It is the intent of this act that by the
9 1995-96 school year, all common schools in the state of Washington will
10 have a school breakfast and lunch program.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) During the 1993-94 school year, in addition to those schools
14 with a school breakfast program under RCW 28A.235.140, all schools that
15 have a lunch program shall institute a school breakfast program.

16 (2) Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, all common schools that
17 do not have a breakfast or a lunch program on the effective date of

1 this section shall institute either a school breakfast program or a
2 school lunch program.

3 (3) Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, all common schools
4 shall have both school breakfast and school lunch programs.

5 (4) Schools that are undertaking major construction projects or
6 have other extraordinary hardships may be granted an annual waiver for
7 a maximum of two years from the superintendent of public instruction to
8 delay implementation of the meal programs in this section.

9 (5) Students shall qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast and
10 lunches in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this
11 chapter.

12 (6) In order for a school to receive state funding for programs
13 under this section, applications shall be made for all applicable
14 federal grants.

15 (7) All school districts shall apply for federal severe need
16 breakfast funds, if eligible.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the
20 program in section 2 of this act.

21 (2) School districts are encouraged to use state funds to purchase
22 state agricultural commodities.

23 (3) Moneys received by schools under the program in sections 2
24 through 5 of this act shall be used to support purchases of foods and
25 supplies and labor costs. Moneys received by schools shall not be used
26 for capital expenditures.

27 (4) The superintendent of public instruction shall report in
28 January and July to the governor and the interagency food issues
29 committee. The report shall include the following:

30 (a) Schools that are in compliance with the program in section 2 of
31 this act and those that are not;

32 (b) Statistics on reimbursement; and

33 (c) Sample menus.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 Schools may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for
37 grants to implement and increase participation in school breakfast and

1 lunch programs. Priority shall be given to schools to establish school
2 meal programs. Subject to available funds, grants may be awarded to
3 schools to increase participation in existing meal programs. The
4 superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules for the
5 application for and award of grants under this section.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the
9 federal summer foods service program.

10 (2) Eligible sponsoring agencies may apply to the superintendent of
11 public instruction for grants to start summer food service programs and
12 add sites to existing summer food service programs.

13 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules for
14 the application for and award of grants under this section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** By February 1996, the superintendent of
16 public instruction shall report to the governor, the legislature, and
17 the interagency food issues committee the names of schools and school
18 boards whose schools are not in compliance with this act by December
19 1995.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
21 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
22 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
23 void.

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