

Senate File 475

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1 Amend Senate File 475, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 13, after line 16 by inserting:

4 <DIVISION ____

5 SCHOOL MEALS — PROHIBITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 283A.11 Participation by students —
7 school prohibitions and responsibilities.

8 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
9 otherwise requires, "school" includes a school district, a
10 school district attendance center, or an accredited nonpublic
11 school.

12 2. A school shall provide notice, at least twice annually,
13 to the parents or guardians of all enrolled students regarding
14 the availability of applications for free or reduced-fee meals
15 for categorically eligible students under the federal Richard
16 B. Russell National School Lunch Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1751
17 et seq., and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C.
18 §1771 et seq. Notice may be provided via letter or electronic
19 communication.

20 3. If a student owes money for five or more meals, a school
21 principal, assistant principal, or designated meal program
22 staff person may contact the student's parent or guardian to
23 provide information regarding the application for free or
24 reduced-fee meals pursuant to the federal Richard B. Russell
25 National School Lunch Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1751 et seq.,
26 and the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771
27 et seq.; or provide information on other options or assistance
28 available.

29 4. a. A school is prohibited from engaging in any of the
30 following acts:

31 (1) Publicly identifying or stigmatizing a student who
32 cannot pay for a meal or who owes a meal debt, including but not
33 limited to requiring such a student to consume the meal at a
34 table set aside for such purpose.

35 (2) Requiring a student who cannot pay for a meal or

1 who owes a meal debt to do chores or other work to pay for
2 meals, unless chores or other work is required of all students
3 regardless of a meal debt. However, a student may volunteer to
4 perform chores or other work at the school.

5 *b.* A school shall direct communications about a student's
6 meal debt to a parent or guardian and not to the student. This
7 paragraph does not prohibit a school from sending a letter home
8 with a student addressed to the student's parent or guardian,
9 or from contacting the parent or guardian via phone or other
10 electronic means.

11 5. The department of education shall, in consultation with
12 schools, develop and establish best practices, guidance, and
13 policies to assist schools to reach the goal of ensuring that
14 all students have access to nutritionally adequate meals, as
15 defined in section 283A.1, at school.>

16 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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