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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school lunch and breakfast programs provided  
2 by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter  
3 schools, and innovation zone schools, making appropriations,  
4 and including effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2024, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0t.* Be subject to and comply with the  
4 requirements of section 283A.6 relating to free school lunch  
5 and breakfast programs in the same manner as a school district.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
7 by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. *p.* Be subject to and comply with the  
9 requirements of section 283A.6 relating to free school lunch  
10 and breakfast programs in the same manner as a school district.

11 Sec. 3. Section 283A.2, subsection 2, Code 2024, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 2. A school district shall operate or provide for the  
14 operation of lunch programs at all attendance centers in  
15 the district. A Unless required under section 283A.6, a  
16 school district may operate or provide for the operation of  
17 school breakfast programs at all attendance centers in the  
18 district, or provide access to a school breakfast program at  
19 an alternative site to students who wish to participate in a  
20 school breakfast program. The programs shall provide students  
21 with nutritionally adequate meals and shall be operated in  
22 compliance with the rules of the state board of education and  
23 pertinent federal law and regulation. The school lunch program  
24 shall be provided for all students in each district who attend  
25 public school four or more hours each school day and wish to  
26 participate in a school lunch program. School districts may  
27 provide school breakfast and lunch programs for other students.

28 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **283A.6 Free school lunch and breakfast**  
29 **programs.**

30 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending  
31 June 30, 2025, each school district described in chapter  
32 274, accredited nonpublic school, charter school organized  
33 under chapter 256E, and charter school or innovation zone  
34 school organized under chapter 256F shall operate a program  
35 under which breakfasts and lunches are served to students

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1 in attendance at no charge to the student or the student's  
2 family if the student's family has a family income that is less  
3 than or equal to three hundred percent of the federal poverty  
4 level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income  
5 guidelines published by the United States department of health  
6 and human services. Meals served pursuant to this subsection  
7 shall be nutritionally adequate meals. This subsection is  
8 repealed July 1, 2025.

9 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending  
10 June 30, 2026, each school district described in chapter  
11 274, accredited nonpublic school, charter school organized  
12 under chapter 256E, and charter school or innovation zone  
13 school organized under chapter 256F shall operate a program  
14 under which breakfasts and lunches are served to students  
15 in attendance at no charge to the student or the student's  
16 family if the student's family has a family income that is less  
17 than or equal to four hundred percent of the federal poverty  
18 level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income  
19 guidelines published by the United States department of health  
20 and human services. Meals served pursuant to this subsection  
21 shall be nutritionally adequate meals. This subsection is  
22 repealed July 1, 2026.

23 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and for  
24 each fiscal year thereafter, each school district described  
25 in chapter 274, accredited nonpublic school, charter school  
26 organized under chapter 256E, and charter school or innovation  
27 zone school organized under chapter 256F shall operate a  
28 program under which breakfasts and lunches are served to  
29 students in attendance at no charge to the student or the  
30 student's family. Meals served pursuant to this subsection  
31 shall be nutritionally adequate meals.

32 4. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and for  
33 each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the  
34 general fund of the state to the department of education an  
35 amount necessary to make the payments to school districts

1 described in chapter 274, accredited nonpublic schools, charter  
2 schools organized under chapter 256E, and charter schools and  
3 innovation zone schools organized under chapter 256F necessary  
4 to cover the costs of providing school lunches and school  
5 breakfasts pursuant to this section that are not covered by any  
6 Act of Congress and appropriated to the state of Iowa for use  
7 in connection with school breakfast or lunch programs.

8 5. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant  
9 to chapter 17A to administer this section.

10 Sec. 5. Section 283A.10, Code 2024, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 **283A.10 School breakfast or lunch in nonpublic schools.**

13 ~~The~~ Unless required under section 283A.6, the authorities  
14 in charge of nonpublic schools may operate or provide for the  
15 operation of school breakfast or lunch programs in schools  
16 under their jurisdiction and may use funds appropriated to  
17 them by the general assembly, gifts, funds received from sale  
18 of school breakfasts or lunches under such programs, and any  
19 other funds available to the nonpublic school. However,  
20 unless required under section 283A.6, school breakfast or  
21 lunch programs shall not be required in nonpublic schools.  
22 The department of education shall direct the disbursement of  
23 state funds to nonpublic schools for school breakfast or lunch  
24 programs in the same manner as state funds are disbursed to  
25 public schools. If a nonpublic school receives state funds for  
26 the operation of a school breakfast or lunch program, meals  
27 served under the program shall be nutritionally adequate meals,  
28 as defined in [section 283A.1](#).

29 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
30 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill relates to school lunch and breakfast programs  
35 provided by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools,

1 charter schools, and innovation zone schools (schools).

2 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June  
3 30, 2025, the bill requires each school to operate a program  
4 under which breakfasts and lunches are served to students in  
5 attendance at no charge to the student or the student's family  
6 if the student's family has a family income that is less than  
7 or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. For the  
8 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026,  
9 the bill requires each school to operate such a program if  
10 the student's family has a family income that is less than or  
11 equal to 400 percent of the federal poverty level. For the  
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and for each fiscal year  
13 thereafter, the bill requires each school to operate such a  
14 program regardless of the income of the student's family.

15 The bill appropriates from the general fund of the state to  
16 the department of education an amount necessary to make the  
17 payments to schools necessary to cover the costs of providing  
18 free school lunches and school breakfasts that are not covered  
19 by any Act of Congress and appropriated to the state of Iowa  
20 for use in connection with school breakfast or lunch programs.  
21 The bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules  
22 to administer these provisions. The bill makes conforming  
23 changes.

24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.