

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 17, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for a school breakfast
6 program.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections
11 to read:

12 Section 1337.1. School Breakfast Program.--(a) Each school
13 district in this Commonwealth is encouraged to make the benefits
14 of the School Breakfast Program provided by the Child Nutrition
15 Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-462, 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq.)
16 available to all students at all grade levels.

17 (b) Beginning with the school year 1999-2000, each school
18 food authority which participates in the School Lunch Program

provided by the National School Lunch Act (60 Stat. 230, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq.) may receive a financial incentive from the Commonwealth to expand the daily participation rate of its students in the School Breakfast Program.

(c) Financial incentives shall be made from funds annually appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department of Education for school food services.

(d) Financial incentives for the school year 1999-2000 shall be in the following amounts:

(1) Each school building which participates in the School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program with student participation rates in the School Breakfast Program of less than twenty (20) per centum of enrollment shall receive reimbursements of eight cents (8¢) per lunch served and ten cents (10¢) per breakfast served.

(2) Each school building with student participation rates in the School Breakfast Program of twenty (20) per centum or more of enrollment shall receive reimbursements of ten cents (10¢) per lunch served and ten cents (10¢) per breakfast served.

(3) Each school building which participates only in the School Lunch Program shall receive a reimbursement of six cents (6¢) per lunch served.

(e) For the 2000-2001 school year, and each school year thereafter, financial incentives from the Commonwealth under this section shall be made and determined by the Secretary of Education, except that these financial incentives shall be no less than the amounts established in this section.

(f) The financial incentives under this section shall be paid to school food authorities during the school year in which they are earned, based on reports submitted to the Department of

1 Education.

2 (g) For the purposes of this section, "school food
3 authority" shall mean the governing body which is responsible
4 for the administration of one or more schools, and has the legal
5 authority to operate a food program therein or be otherwise
6 approved by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States
7 Department of Agriculture to operate the food program.

8 Section 1337.2. Technical Support Services to Expand
9 Nutrition Opportunities.--(a) The Department of Education shall
10 provide technical support services to assist school districts in
11 developing and expanding school breakfast programs. These
12 support services shall include, but not be limited to,
13 compilation of districts' successful approaches to overcoming
14 barriers to program development.

15 (b) The department shall provide technical support services
16 to assist school districts in developing or enhancing
17 nutritional education programs. These support services shall
18 include, but not be limited to, assistance in seeking grant
19 funds.

20 Section 2. Section 1513 of the act is amended to read:

21 Section 1513. Physiology and Hygiene.--Physiology and
22 hygiene, which shall in each division of the subject so pursued
23 include special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks,
24 stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system, and which shall
25 also include special reference to tuberculosis and its
26 prevention, shall be introduced and studied as a regular branch
27 by all pupils in all departments of the public schools, and in
28 all educational institutions supported wholly or in part by
29 appropriations from this Commonwealth. Each school district is
30 encouraged to provide nutrition education to all students at all

1 grade levels.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.