
DIGEST

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HB No. 193

Abstract: Provides for rules and regulations for school nutrition programs and a limitation of liability relative to such programs.

Present law provides for school meal programs for students. Proposed law adds that BESE shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition programs and that the state Dept. of Education (DOE) shall implement the programs pursuant to such rules and regulations.

Present law provides that no state funds shall be disbursed for school lunch programs used by any private person or entity for profit, regardless of any authority in federal or state law for contracting with such a private entity. Proposed law excepts the Child and Adult Care Food Program as provided in BESE regulations.

Proposed law adds that USDA food programs administered by the state DOE are nutrition cost reimbursement programs and that the state, the state DOE, and BESE shall not be held liable for any health and safety issues, personal injury, or injury to property resulting from the operation of such programs.

Proposed law provides for several changes to terms or phrases when appropriate, including the following:

- (1) Replaces "school lunch program" with "nutrition program" and refers to "meals or snacks", "food", or "nutrition" rather than "lunch(es)".
- (2) Refers to a "governing authority of a public elementary and secondary school" or "governing authority of a nutrition program provider" instead of "school board".
- (3) Updates obsolete language by changing "state board of education" to BESE or the state DOE.

(Amends R.S. 17:191-197 and 198-199)