

SB0760/925162/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 760
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Meal Charge”; and strike beginning with “each” in line 3 down through “policies” in line 16 and substitute “a public school to notify a student’s parent or legal guardian about the status of certain school meal accounts under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public school from communicating about certain unpaid meal debt directly with a student or in a certain manner; prohibiting a public school from taking certain actions in response to a student’s unpaid meal debt; authorizing a public school to provide a certain alternative meal under certain conditions; requiring a public school to ensure that parents and legal guardians of students are notified about the application process and eligibility requirements for certain meal programs in a certain manner; requiring a public school to allow a student to apply for certain meal programs at any time; requiring a certain public school to enroll a certain transfer student in a certain meal program; requiring each county board of education to determine whether each school in its jurisdiction is in compliance with certain federal policies and standards and to report its findings to the State Department of Education each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to student meal programs in public schools”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 2 through line 2 on page 5 and substitute:

“(B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL NOTIFY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT WHEN THERE IS A LOW BALANCE IN THE STUDENT’S MEAL ACCOUNT AND BEFORE THE STUDENT ACCRUES UNPAID MEAL DEBT.

(C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT:

(Over)

(1) COMMUNICATE ABOUT UNPAID MEAL DEBT DIRECTLY WITH A STUDENT OR IN A MANNER THAT HUMILIATES, EMBARRASSES, OR STIGMATIZES THE STUDENT; OR

(2) IN RESPONSE TO A STUDENT'S UNPAID MEAL DEBT:

(I) REQUIRE THE STUDENT TO WEAR A WRISTBAND, HAND STAMP, STICKER, OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARK;

(II) REQUIRE THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE CHORES OR TASKS;

(III) DENY A MEAL TO THE STUDENT;

(IV) DISPOSE OF A MEAL AFTER IT HAS BEEN SERVED TO THE STUDENT; OR

(V) RESTRICT A STUDENT FROM ACCESS TO SCHOOL RECORDS OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY SCHOOL-RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY.

(D) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEAL INSTEAD OF A STANDARD MEAL IF THE MEAL:

(1) MEETS THE NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND

(2) IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL, REGARDLESS OF UNPAID MEAL DEBT.

(E) (1) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THAT A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT IS NOTIFIED ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL'S FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING:

(I) ASSISTANCE IN UNDERSTANDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; AND

(II) PRINTED APPLICATIONS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES.

(2) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ALLOW A STUDENT TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOOL'S FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAMS AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

(3) IF A STUDENT WHO QUALIFIES FOR A FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM TRANSFERS TO ANOTHER SCHOOL WITHIN THE SAME JURISDICTION, THE NEW SCHOOL SHALL ENROLL THE STUDENT IN THE CORRESPONDING FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM.

(F) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL:

(1) DETERMINE WHETHER EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ITS JURISDICTION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND STANDARDS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT MEAL CHARGE POLICIES; AND

(2) REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ITS FINDINGS EACH YEAR."

On page 5, in line 3, strike "3." and substitute "2."