

SENATE BILL 559

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CF HB 514

By: **Senators Guzzone and Zucker**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program**
3 **– Annual Appropriation**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing a certain appropriation required by the Governor for the
5 Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program; and generally
6 relating to the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–704(a) through (c), (e), and (f)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 7–704(j)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 7–704.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (2) “Program” means the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom
23 Breakfast Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) "Secondary schools" includes middle schools and high schools.

2 (b) (1) There is a school breakfast program in the State, known as the
3 Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program.

4 (2) The Program is a joint effort of the Department and the county boards
5 or sponsoring agencies for eligible nonpublic schools.

6 (c) (1) The purpose of the Program is to provide funding for a school that
7 makes an in-classroom breakfast available to all students in the school.

8 (2) The funding is intended to complement the funding received by a school
9 from the federal government for a school breakfast program.

10 (e) (1) If a school that participates in the Program has less than 40% of the
11 registered students eligible for the federal free or reduced price meal plan, the school shall
12 remain eligible to participate in the Program for 1 year.

13 (2) If, after 1 year, the school's percent of registered students eligible for
14 the federal free or reduced price meal plan is less than 40%, the school is no longer eligible
15 to participate in the Program.

16 (f) A county board or a sponsoring agency for an eligible nonpublic school shall:

17 (1) Apply to the Department for funds for schools within the jurisdiction of
18 the board or for schools that are under the sponsoring agency that:

19 (i) Are eligible to participate in the Program; and

20 (ii) Apply to the board or to the sponsoring agency to participate in
21 the Program; and

22 (2) Submit an annual report to the Department on the Program, including
23 the manner in which the funds have been expended.

24 (j) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of
25 ~~[\$7,550,000]~~ **\$12,050,000** to the Program.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2023.