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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SEVERE NEED SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-266w of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) For each fiscal year, each local and regional board of education
4 having at least one school building designated as a severe need school
5 [, as defined by federal law governing school nutrition programs, in
6 the fiscal year two years prior to the grant year,] shall be eligible to
7 receive a grant to assist in providing school breakfasts to all students in
8 each eligible severe need school, provided any local or regional board
9 having at least one school building so designated shall participate in
10 the federal school breakfast program, pursuant to the Healthy,
11 Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, P.L. 111-296, on behalf of all severe
12 need schools in the district with grades eight or under in which at least
13 eighty per cent of the lunches served are served to students who are
14 eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to said federal law
15 and regulations. For purposes of this section, "severe need school"
16 means a school in which (1) the reimbursement rate per meal

17 established by the United States Secretary of Agriculture is insufficient
18 to cover the costs of the school's breakfast program, (2) the school is
19 participating, or is about to participate, in a breakfast program, and (3)
20 twenty per cent or more of the breakfasts served to students at the
21 school in the fiscal year two years prior to the grant year were served
22 free or at a reduced price.

23 (b) Grants under this section shall be contingent on documented
24 direct costs of a school breakfast program which exceed the federal aid
25 and cash income received by a school breakfast program. Eligible
26 boards of education shall submit applications, on behalf of each of
27 their severe need schools, for grants under this section to the
28 Commissioner of Education. Applications shall be submitted in such
29 form and at such times as the commissioner shall prescribe.

30 (c) Within the limits of available funds, the amount to which each
31 eligible local or regional board of education is entitled for each fiscal
32 year under this section shall be the sum of (1) three thousand dollars
33 for each severe need school in the school district which provides a
34 school breakfast program prorated per one hundred eighty days of the
35 school year; and (2) ten cents per breakfast served in each severe need
36 school. If the amount due eligible boards of education exceeds the
37 amount of funds available, the grants calculated under subdivision (2)
38 of this subsection shall be reduced proportionately. In each fiscal year,
39 grants calculated under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be paid
40 in October, and grants calculated under subdivision (2) of this
41 subsection shall be paid in equal installments in January and May.
42 Based on verification of the data used to calculate such grants, any
43 underpayment or overpayment may be calculated and adjusted by the
44 Department of Education in any subsequent year's grant.

45 (d) Each local and regional board of education participating in the
46 grant program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures
47 which shall be submitted to the department on or before September
48 first of the fiscal year immediately following each fiscal year in which

49 the school district participates in the grant program. If the
50 commissioner finds that any school breakfast grant recipient uses such
51 grant for purposes which are not in conformity with the purposes of
52 this section, the commissioner may require repayment of the grant to
53 the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-266w

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the definition of "severe need school" for purposes of the supplemental state grant to the federal school breakfast program by creating a state definition that reduces the federally-required percentage of breakfasts to be served to students from forty to twenty.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]