
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6717

AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Department of Education, by January 1, 2024, to develop guidelines and best practices for school food service employees to interact and converse with students in ways that are respectful and sensitive and support positive associations with food. The department must post the guidelines and best practices on its website and update them as it deems necessary.

The bill also requires each local and regional board of education, starting with the 2024 school year, to annually provide a copy of the guidelines and best practices to school food service employees who have regular, direct contact with students.

Under the bill, a “school food service employee” is someone employed by or contracted with a local or regional board of education who prepares or serves meals for students in a school.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (02/28/2023)