



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 703

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Senate Bill No. 1216

Senate, May 4, 2023

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR STUDENT MEALS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Education,
2 Public Health and Social Services shall jointly study the need for
3 students to receive free meals in schools throughout the state and the
4 cost to provide such meals. Said commissioners shall consider the ability
5 of students' families and municipalities to contribute to such cost and
6 estimate the state funding needed to provide the student meals.

7 (b) Not later than October 1, 2023, the Commissioners of Education,
8 Public Health and Social Services shall jointly report, in accordance with
9 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
11 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
12 concerning the results of the study described in subsection (a) of this
13 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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APP *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Departments of Education, Social Services, and Public Health to jointly conduct a study, by October 1, 2023, regarding the need for students to receive free meals statewide and the cost of doing so. This has no fiscal impact, as it is anticipated that the agencies can complete the requirement with existing resources.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 1216

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SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Departments of Education, Social Services, and Public Health to jointly conduct a study, by October 1, 2023, regarding the need for students to receive free meals and the cost of doing so. The agencies are required to submit the results of the study to the Appropriations Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: From Passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 52 Nay 0 (04/20/2023)