

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Richard Donovan, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Department of Education to award grants to encourage participation in summer meals programs. Increases maximum amount allowed for grants awarded to encourage participation in program that provides meals and snacks at after-school care centers for at-risk youth. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of past legislation driven by nutritious meals and a safe, controlled environment for children
- Lack of programs during summer vacation months; “hunger does not go away” during the summer months
- Amendment in the House as addressing technical concern to allow upgrading of existing equipment, not just purchase of new equipment
- Large percentage, greater than 50%, of children who qualify for free- and reduced-cost meals statewide
- Increased value commensurate with ability to make larger grants, specifically to start-up of new programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2729 (2013) funded grants for afterschool programs in connection with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Afterschool Meal and Snack Program. House Bill 2730 (2013) expanded existing lunch programs to include breakfast meal service as well. House Bill 4090 A is a follow up to those measures, and will allow schools to spend granted money to better meet the goals of summer meals programs by adding the summer food service program to the list of programs that can receive grant funds. The measure also increases the maximum amount of those grants from \$10,000 to \$20,000.