

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| Vote: | 8 - 0 - 1 |
| Yeas: | Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Parrish, Reardon, Sprenger, Whisnant, Gelser |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | Fagan |
| Prepared By: | Richard Donovan, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 2/5 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Department of Education to award grants to encourage participation in summer meals and snacks programs. Increases maximum amount allowed for grants awarded to encourage participation in afterschool snack program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Success of past legislation driven by nutritious meals and a safe, controlled environment for children
- Need to address existing lack of programs during summer vacation months as “hunger does not take a vacation”
- Large percentage, greater than 50%, of children who qualify for free- and reduced-cost meals statewide
- Value of startup funding to drive program expansion
- Increased value commensurate with ability to make larger grants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows the program to upgrade equipment, not just purchase new equipment. Clarifies that the program may serve meals and snacks, not just meals.

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 4090 A is a follow up to that measure, and would 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.