

HB 2765 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts that make breakfast available at school site to make it available after beginning of school day. Allows time spent consuming breakfast to count as instructional time when consumed in classroom and instruction is provided. Allows no more than 15 minutes be considered instructional time when consuming breakfast. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Link between student success and school meals
- Challenge in computing cost and overall cost of policy
- Difficulty in providing breakfast for students in rural areas due to travel time to and from school

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Multiple states have variations of breakfast after the bell policies. Colorado required in 2014-2015 that all high schools provide breakfast after the bell, whereas Illinois passed legislation in 2016 requiring only high need schools provide it. Both Los Angeles and Houston have individual school districts implement a policy to require breakfast in the classroom for all elementary and middle schools.

HB 2765 requires school districts make breakfast available at school sites after the school day has started. It allows up to 15 minutes of time spent consuming breakfast to count as instructional time.