

# House Bill 2760

Sponsored by Representative DOHERTY

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Universal School Meal Account for purpose of reimbursing school districts for certain costs incurred in providing federally reimbursable meals. Provides for prioritization of distributions if funds are insufficient to make reimbursements.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding of school meals; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Universal School Meal Account is established in the State Treasury,**  
5 **separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

6 **(2) Moneys in the Universal School Meal Account are continuously appropriated to the**  
7 **Department of Education for the purpose of reimbursing school districts for costs that are:**

8 **(a) Incurred by the school district in providing a United States Department of Agricul-**  
9 **ture reimbursable meal to a student; and**

10 **(b) Not otherwise reimbursed or paid by state, federal or other sources.**

11 **(3) If insufficient funds are available to the department to make reimbursements as**  
12 **provided by this section, the department:**

13 **(a) Must prioritize distributions to school districts in the following order:**

14 **(A) To school districts that offer breakfast, lunch or both to all students of a school of**  
15 **the school district without consideration of individual eligibility for free or reduced price**  
16 **meals based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals in the school.**

17 **(B) To school districts that offer breakfast, lunch or both to all students of a school of**  
18 **the school district based on a four-year eligibility period that reimburses based on the**  
19 **school's determined percentages of free, reduced price and full price meals.**

20 **(b) May reallocate funds that are lawfully available for reallocation, request additional**  
21 **appropriations or solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations or other funds from public or**  
22 **private sources for the reimbursements.**

23 **(4) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules necessary for making reimburse-**  
24 **ments under this section.**

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act applies to costs incurred by school districts on or**  
26 **after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

27 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
29 **July 1, 2019.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.