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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to breakfast served in schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.820, to read as follows:

191.820. 1. For purposes of this section, "breakfast after the bell" means any food served after the instructional day has officially begun but before any lunch period in the school begins.

2. Except as provided in subsections 5 and 9 of this section, in school year 2019-20 and each school year thereafter, the following schools shall offer breakfast after the bell to each student in their schools, including any student who arrives late or who arrives by a different mode of transportation than most students:

(1) Any public school, including any charter school, in which seventy percent or more students enrolled in the school in the immediately preceding school year were eligible for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program; and

(2) Any public school, including any charter school, that has an individual site percentage for free or reduced price meals of seventy percent or more and that is a Provision 2 school as described in 7 CFR 245.9 or that uses the United States Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Option.

3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit schools from providing breakfast before the instructional day has officially begun.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. Each school required to offer breakfast after the bell under this section may use**
19 **any service model that best suits its students. Service models include, but are not limited**
20 **to, breakfast in the classroom, breakfast after first period, and breakfasts to be picked up**
21 **by students so that they can eat where and when they want.**

22 **5. A public school, including any charter school, in which seventy percent or more**
23 **of its students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals participate in the School**
24 **Breakfast Program shall not be required to offer breakfast after the bell under this section.**

25 **6. A school initially required to offer breakfast after the bell but that later falls**
26 **below the seventy percent threshold described in subsection 2 of this section shall continue**
27 **to offer breakfast after the bell for two consecutive years beginning with the year in which**
28 **the school does not meet the requirements to serve breakfast after the bell under subsection**
29 **2 of this section. If, during the second year of the two-year period, the school still does not**
30 **meet the requirements to serve breakfast after the bell under subsection 2 of this section,**
31 **the school shall not be required to offer breakfast after the bell at the conclusion of the**
32 **two-year period. A school no longer required to offer breakfast after the bell under the**
33 **provisions of this subsection shall be required to again offer breakfast after the bell if it**
34 **becomes subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. Nothing in this section**
35 **shall prevent a school from continuing to offer breakfast after the bell even if not required**
36 **to do so.**

37 **7. The department of elementary and secondary education shall:**

38 **(1) Notify, on or before July first of each year, those schools required to offer**
39 **breakfast after the bell under this section of their duties under this section;**

40 **(2) Develop and distribute procedures and guidelines for the implementation of this**
41 **section, which shall comply with federal regulations governing the School Breakfast**
42 **Program;**

43 **(3) Offer technical assistance to public schools and school districts regarding the**
44 **implementation of this section;**

45 **(4) If requested by a school subject to the provisions of this section, recognize time**
46 **spent by students consuming breakfast as instructional time if students consume the**
47 **breakfast in the classroom and are receiving instruction while consuming breakfast. No**
48 **more than fifteen minutes shall be recognized as instructional time while students are**
49 **consuming breakfast;**

50 **(5) Annually collect information about the breakfast after the bell delivery models**
51 **implemented at each school and make the information publicly available;**

52 **(6) Assist schools subject to the provisions of this section that demonstrate**
53 **breakfast enrollment increases of less than ten percent annually in developing a plan for**
54 **increased participation; and**

55 **(7) Prepare and submit to the general assembly, on or before December thirty-first**
56 **of each year, a report on the implementation and effectiveness of the provisions of this**
57 **section.**

58 **8. In fulfilling its responsibilities under this section, the department of elementary**
59 **and secondary education shall collaborate with nonprofit organizations knowledgeable**
60 **about equity, the opportunity gap, hunger and food security issues, and best practices for**
61 **improving student access to school breakfast. The department shall maintain a list of**
62 **opportunities for philanthropic support of school breakfast programs and make the list**
63 **available to schools interested in breakfast after the bell programs.**

64 **9. If the federal per-meal reimbursements for free or reduced price breakfasts are**
65 **decreased below 2019 levels or eliminated by Congress, schools shall not be required to**
66 **offer breakfast after the bell under this section.**

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