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2 Senators Williams, Brock, Collamore, Ingalls, Weeks, and Norris move that
3 the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended in Sec. 3, 16 V.S.A.
4 § 4017, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
5 a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) Approved independent schools. From State funds appropriated to the
7 Agency from the Education Fund for the universal meals supplement, the
8 Agency shall provide a universal meals supplement for the cost of each meal
9 actually provided to each student enrolled in the approved independent school
10 when meals are offered to all students at no charge pursuant to subdivision
11 1264(a)(1)(B) of this title.

12 (1) An approved independent school is eligible for the universal meals
13 supplement only if it operates a food program that makes available a school
14 lunch, as provided in the National School Lunch Act as amended, and a school
15 breakfast, as provided in the Child Nutrition Act as amended, to each attending
16 student who qualifies for those meals under these acts every school day.

17 (2) Reimbursement from State funds shall be available only to approved
18 independent schools that maximize access to federal funds for the cost of the
19 school breakfast and lunch program by participating in the Community
20 Eligibility Provision under 7 C.F.R. § 245.9(f), or Provision 2 under 7 C.F.R.
21 § 245.9(b), of these programs, or any other federal provision that in the opinion

1 of the Agency draws down the most possible federal funding for meals served
2 in that program. At the start of each school year, the Agency of Education may
3 require that a school food authority requesting the universal meals supplement
4 begin a new cycle of the relevant federal provision and group sites in a manner
5 the Agency determines will maximize the drawdown of federal funds.

6 (3) Second breakfasts, as allowed under 7 C.F.R. § 220.9(a), do not
7 qualify for reimbursement under this subsection.