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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Child nutrition; child and adult care food program; school lunch
11 program

12 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to use state funds to pay the student's
13 portion of a reduced price school lunch.

14 An act relating to providing state financial support for school lunches,
15 summer meals, and snacks for low income children

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1262a is amended to read:

18 § 1262a. AWARD OF GRANTS

19 (a) The state board of education may, from funds appropriated for this
20 subsection to the department of education, award grants to school boards

1 which establish and operate food programs, provided the amount of any grant
2 shall not be more than the amount necessary, in addition to ~~the charge made for~~
3 ~~the meal and~~ any reimbursement from federal funds, to pay the actual cost of
4 the meal.

5 (b) The state board may, from funds available to the department of
6 education for this subsection, award grants to school districts which need to
7 initiate or expand food programs in order to meet the requirements of section
8 1264 of this title and which seek assistance in meeting the cost of initiation or
9 expansion. The amount of the grants shall be limited to ~~seventy-five~~ 75
10 percent of the cost deemed necessary by the commissioner to construct,
11 renovate or acquire additional facilities and equipment to provide lunches to all
12 pupils, and shall be reduced by the amount of funds available from federal or
13 other sources, including those funds available under section 3448 of this title.
14 The state board, upon recommendation of the commissioner, shall direct
15 school districts seeking grants under this section to share facilities and
16 equipment for the provision of lunches wherever more efficient and effective
17 operation of food programs can be expected to result.

18 (c) On a quarterly basis, from state funds appropriated to the department of
19 education for this subsection, the state board shall award to each school district
20 a sum equal to the amount that would have been the student share of the cost of
21 all breakfasts and lunches actually provided in the district during the previous

1 quarter to students eligible for a reduced price breakfast under the federal
2 school breakfast program and students eligible for a reduced price lunch under
3 the federal school lunch program.

4 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1264(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) The state shall be responsible for the student share of the cost of
6 breakfasts provided to all students eligible for a reduced price breakfast under
7 the federal school breakfast program and for the student share of the cost of
8 lunches provided to all students eligible for a reduced price lunch under the
9 federal school lunch program.

10 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

11 In fiscal year 2012, the amount of \$315,000.00 shall be appropriated from
12 the general fund to the department of education for the student share of the cost
13 of lunches provided to all students eligible for a reduced price lunch under the
14 federal school lunch program.

15 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.