

## HOUSE BILL No. 2769

By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

Requested by Representative Houglan on behalf of Representatives Carr,  
Featherston, Meyer, D. Miller and Oropeza

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1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to public schools and  
2 school districts; requiring schools and school districts to participate in  
3 federal meal programs for students; providing for reimbursement for  
4 free meals provided to students; including calculation of reimbursement  
5 for all public schools and school districts.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) Public schools, as defined in K.S.A. 72-6131, and  
9 amendments thereto, and public school districts shall make available a  
10 nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch free of charge to any student  
11 who requests for such meal, without consideration of the student's  
12 eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

13 (b) Public schools and school districts shall participate in and comply  
14 with federal requirements for the national school lunch program pursuant  
15 to 42 U.S.C. § 1751 and the school breakfast program pursuant to 42.  
16 U.S.C. § 1773. Each year, each public school or public school district shall  
17 determine whether such school or district is qualified to elect to participate  
18 in the community eligibility provision authorized pursuant to 7 C.F.R. §  
19 245.9(f) or under provision 2 pursuant to 7 C.F.R. § 245.9(b) and shall  
20 make such election if so qualified.

21 (c) Subject to appropriations, the state board of education shall  
22 provide meal reimbursements to public schools and public school districts  
23 that provide free meals in an amount not to exceed the total cost of meals  
24 claimed by students pursuant to subsection (a) minus the federal  
25 reimbursement amounts that such schools or districts receive based on the  
26 free combined breakfast and lunch reimbursement rates and price-reduced  
27 breakfast and lunch reimbursement rates established by the United States  
28 department of agriculture.

29 (e) The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations as  
30 the board deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

31 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
32 publication in the statute book.