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House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL 2186

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-119; RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-119, to read:

4 15-119. School meals: unpaid fees: prohibitions: policy:
5 payment plan

6 A. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A PUPIL PAYS FOR A SCHOOL MEAL OR OWES
7 MONIES FOR PREVIOUS MEALS, A SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE A SCHOOL MEAL THAT MEETS
8 THE NUTRITION STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-242 TO A PUPIL WHO
9 REQUESTS A MEAL.

10 B. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY MAY NOT:

11 1. ANNOUNCE OR PUBLICIZE THE NAMES OF PUPILS WITH UNPAID SCHOOL
12 MEAL FEES.

13 2. REQUIRE PUPILS WITH UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES TO USE A DIFFERENT
14 SERVING LINE TO PICK UP A REIMBURSABLE ALTERNATE MEAL.

15 3. USE HAND STAMPS, STICKERS OR OTHER PHYSICAL MARKERS TO IDENTIFY
16 PUPILS WITH UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES.

17 4. ENLIST VOLUNTEERS, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF OTHER PUPILS TO
18 REQUEST PAYMENT FROM THE FAMILY OF A PUPIL WITH UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES.

19 5. DISPOSE OF A PUPIL'S MEAL IF THE PUPIL IS UNABLE TO PAY FOR THE
20 MEAL.

21 6. REQUIRE PUPILS WITH UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES TO WORK FOR A MEAL
22 OR TO WORK TO PAY BACK UNPAID FEES.

23 7. ATTEMPT TO COLLECT UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES FROM A PUPIL.

24 8. TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A PUPIL THAT RESULTS IN THE
25 DENIAL OR DELAY OF A MEAL.

26 C. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY MAY ATTEMPT TO COLLECT UNPAID SCHOOL
27 MEAL FEES FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN BUT MAY NOT USE A DEBT COLLECTOR, AS
28 DEFINED IN THE CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION ACT (P.L. 90-321; 82 STAT. 146;
29 15 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 1692a) FOR THIS PURPOSE.

30 D. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY SHALL ESTABLISH A TRANSPARENT POLICY
31 FOR RESOLVING SCHOOL MEAL FEES OWED BY THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND
32 SHALL POST THIS POLICY ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR MAKE THIS POLICY AVAILABLE
33 ON REQUEST.

34 E. A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR A CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING
35 BODY MAY ESTABLISH A PAYMENT PLAN FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OR USE MONIES
36 FROM A MEAL FEE DEBT FUND THAT CONSISTS OF DONATIONS OR GIFTS TO BE USED
37 TO PAY PUPILS' UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES.