

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; free school meals; ADE

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Introduced by
Representatives Gutierrez: Abeytia, Austin, Blattman, Cavero, Connolly,
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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of education; free
3 school meals; intent

4 A. The sum of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
5 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of education to provide
6 free school meals for children who meet the income eligibility
7 requirements for free and reduced-price lunches under the national school
8 lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751
9 through 1793).

10 B. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in
11 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future
12 years.