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Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly, Nos. 679 and 2186

1 AN ACT concerning school breakfast programs and supplementing
2 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. a. A public school operated by a school district of the State participating in the federal school breakfast program or a nonpublic school participating in the federal school breakfast program is encouraged to increase the number of students participating in the program by establishing a "breakfast after the bell" program through the incorporation of school breakfast in the first-period classroom or during the first few minutes of the school day.
- b. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education shall:
- (1) make every effort to assist, guide, and support school districts, public schools, or nonpublic schools in planning, establishing, implementing, or modifying the "breakfast after the bell" program to increase the participation rate of all students in the school breakfast program, especially students from low income families; and
- (2) prepare and issue an annual report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the number and percentages of students from low income families participating in the school breakfast program, and the format used for providing breakfast, for each school district, public school, or nonpublic school.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Encourages the establishment of "breakfast after the bell" programs in school districts, public school, and nonpublic schools participating in the federal school breakfast program.