

## CHAPTER 26

AN ACT concerning school meal programs and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:33-14.1 Report of nonparticipation in school meal programs.

1. a. Every school district in which there is at least one school that qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision, but is not implementing it, shall report the reasons therefor in writing to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education in the manner prescribed by those departments. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a description of the specific impediments at the school district to implementing the program, the specific actions that could be taken to remove those impediments, and the specific steps required to successfully implement the program in the following school year.

b. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

c. As used in this section, "Community Eligibility Provision" means a federal reimbursement alternative for eligible, high-poverty local educational agencies and schools participating in both the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program which is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in accordance with the requirements set forth in federal regulations at 7 CFR Part 245.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 30, 2018.