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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes prohibition on the disbursement of state appropriated funds for the support of privately provided for-profit nutrition programs administered by the state Dept. of Education

Present law (R.S. 17:194(B)), relative to the administration of nutrition programs by the state Dept. of Education, specifies, in part, that no state appropriated funds shall be disbursed for the support of any nutrition program which shall be used by any private person, enterprise, concern, or other entity for profit, regardless of any authority in federal or state law for contracting with such a private provider of nutrition programs. Provides an exception for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and any elementary or secondary school operated by La. State University or Southern University.

Proposed law removes present law prohibition on the disbursement of state appropriated funds for the support of for profit nutrition programs and the exceptions to such prohibition.

Present law (R.S. 17:191) defines "governing authority of a nutrition program provider" as any authority which has an agreement with the state Dept. of Education to participate in a nutrition program authorized by law. Defines "nutrition program" as a program under which meals or snacks are served by any governing authority of a nutrition program provider in the state on a nonprofit basis to individuals in attendance including any such program under which a provider receives assistance out of funds appropriated by the U. S. Congress.

Proposed law retains present law but removes "on a nonprofit basis" from the definition of a nutrition program.

(Amends R.S. 17:191 and 194(B))