## **DIGEST**

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HB 282 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires free school breakfast and lunch for certain public school students.

Present law provides for the provision of school meals. Proposed law:

- (1) Provides that students who qualify for reduced-price meals shall be provided a free breakfast and lunch.
- Provides that for each breakfast or lunch served free of charge in accordance with <u>proposed law</u>, the state Dept. of Education shall reimburse the governing authority of a nutrition program provider for the meal an amount equal to the difference between the reimbursement rates provided by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for a free meal and a reduced-price meal.
- (3) Provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall be implemented beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

(Adds R.S. 17:192(B)(3))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

- 1. Limit applicability of <u>proposed law</u> to students who qualify for reduced-price school meals.
- 2. Require reimbursement by the state Dept. of Education.