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Requires the state Department of Education to implement a program to increase the number of meals provided to students. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation requires the Department of Education to develop and implement a program to reduce food loss from school nutrition programs and increase the number of meals provided to students, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health. Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to adopt rules to allow for the re-service of foods served through school nutrition programs, including food sharing tables and food donation programs. Further requires the Department of Education to submit a report to House and Senate Education Committees by December 1, 2021.

Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

Louisiana currently participates in a program developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reduce food loss from school nutrition programs. According to the LDE, the USDA program includes the following components: requirements to account for and record the disposition of all food leftover from school meals daily through the Food Production Record; Offer vs. Serve (OVS), a provision designed to reduce food waste by allowing students to decline some menu items offered on the serving line; menu planning flexibilities, allowing school meal program operators to plan menus that encourage the consumption of a variety of grains, fruits, vegetables, protein, and low-fat dairy while appealing to student tastes and reducing the incidence of discarded food; share tables, where children may return food they do not eat; food donation, allowing child nutrition programs to donate excess, unused food to local food banks and charitable organizations; and USDA guidance on food waste reduction strategies, including best practices on preventing wasted food and procedures on conducting student food waste audits.

The LDE provides multiple training opportunities to local school district food service staff throughout the year, including monthly in-person trainings, web-based training, and specialized training programs. This training frequently focuses on prevention of food waste and various methods to prevent food waste.

The extent to which Louisiana schools currently implement components of the USDA food reduction program varies. According to the LDE, 97% of Louisiana schools implement OVS at lunch and 93% of schools use OVS at breakfast. However, share tables are not used as the Louisiana Sanitary Code prohibits the re-service of food once it has been served to a consumer. Although it is permissible under federal law for schools to donate food to food banks or charitable organizations, it is rare because schools are required and currently seek to limit food waste and unnecessary costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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