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Present law provides for the operation of school nutrition programs. Further provides that no student shall be requested to pay more than the actual cost of the lunch, less the amount of reimbursement paid to the nutrition program provider from state and federal funds.

Proposed law provides that beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, breakfast and lunch shall be provided free of charge to each eligible student. An eligible student is a student who meets the federal eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals by household size and income levels pursuant to the national school breakfast and school lunch programs.

Proposed law provides that for each breakfast or lunch served free of charge in accordance with proposed law, the state Department of Education shall reimburse the governing authority of a nutrition program provider for the meal at an amount equal to the difference between the reimbursement rates provided by the United States Department of Agriculture for a free meal and a reduced-price meal.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:195(A)(2))