

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, FISHER, HUGHES,  
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:192(B)(3), relative to school meals; to provide that certain students shall  
3 be provided free school breakfast and lunch; to provide for applicability; to require  
4 reimbursement by the state Department of Education; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:192(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §192. Lunches and breakfasts; duty to furnish

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10 B.

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12 (3)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an eligible  
13 student shall be provided breakfast and lunch at no cost to the student.

14 (b) For purposes of this Paragraph, an eligible student is a student in grades  
15 kindergarten through twelve who meets the federal eligibility guidelines for reduced  
16 price meals by household size and income levels pursuant to the School Breakfast  
17 Program and National School Lunch Program.

18 (c) For each breakfast or lunch served free of charge in accordance with this  
19 Paragraph, the state Department of Education shall reimburse the governing  
20 authority of a school nutrition program for each meal served an amount equal to the

1           difference between the reimbursement rates for a free meal and a reduced-priced  
2           meal as annually determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

3           Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:192(B)(3) as enacted by this Act shall apply to  
4 the 2023-2024 school year and each subsequent school year.

5           Section 3.A. The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall become effective  
6 when an Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for  
7 the implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

8           B. The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon signature by the  
9 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become  
10 law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
11 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the  
12 legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following such  
13 approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_