

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 218****2026 Regular Session****LaFleur**

SCHOOLS: Requires the inclusion of questions pertaining to food insecurity on a residency questionnaire administered to public school students

<b>Synopsis of Senate Amendments</b>	
1.	Specifies that each public school shall distribute the questionnaire annually.
2.	Removes requirement that certain schools provide the questionnaire each school year to each student who is classified as economically disadvantaged.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**Proposed law:

- (1) Requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE), in consultation with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), to include questions pertaining to food insecurity on the residency questionnaire administered for purposes of federal law.
- (2) Requires each public school to annually distribute the questionnaire to each student in grades K-12 upon enrollment, change of address, and reasonable suspicion of food insecurity by school personnel or school-based health clinics.
- (3) Provides that if the responses indicate that a student is at risk for food insecurity, the school shall provide the parents or legal guardian information on federal, state, community, and school resources and services that may be available.
- (4) Requires the information on federal, state, and community resources to be compiled by LDH, which shall provide the information to each school at no cost to the school or its school board.
- (5) Requires that responses remain confidential except for disclosure to a student's parent or legal guardian or to the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor and to authorized school personnel responsible for the provision of the information as required by proposed law.
- (6) Prohibits school employees from using the responses to make any decision relating to student instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline.
- (7) Provides that no school board or employee thereof shall be liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with proposed law unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

Proposed law is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:2113 and 3996(B)(24))