

REFERENCE TITLE: **students; unpaid school meal fees**

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Introduced by
Senators Quezada: Gabaldon, Gonzales, Terán

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.02, to read:

4 15-120.02. School meals; unpaid fees; nutrition standards

5 A. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY SHALL ENSURE THAT A STUDENT WHOSE
6 PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS NOT PAID THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL MEAL FEES IS NOT
7 SHAMED, TREATED DIFFERENTLY OR SERVED A MEAL THAT DIFFERS FROM WHAT A
8 STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL FEES RECEIVES UNDER THAT
9 LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY'S POLICY. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A
10 SCHOOL FROM SERVING AN ALTERNATIVE MEAL TO A STUDENT WHO REQUIRES A
11 SPECIAL MEAL FOR A DIETARY OR RELIGIOUS REASON.

12 B. SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS AT A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT
13 SERVES MEALS THAT MEET THE NUTRITION STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
14 15-242 TO STUDENTS DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY MAY NOT TAKE DISCIPLINARY
15 ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT THAT RESULTS IN THE DENIAL OR DELAY OF A MEAL
16 THAT MEETS THE NUTRITION STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-242.