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SYNOPSIS
Requires each public middle school and high school to establish a food services advisory committee to consider menu options that reflect students’ cultural food preferences.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/12/2014)
AN ACT concerning school breakfast and lunch menus and
supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. The principal of each public middle school and high
school shall establish a food services advisory committee to
consider and recommend school breakfast and lunch menu options
that better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body.
The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity and make
recommendations to the principal.
b. Members of the committee shall be selected by the principal
and shall include a food services employee, a school administrator,
a school nurse, and four students enrolled in the school.
c. The committee shall convene a minimum of four times
during each school year with no meeting being convened less than
two months after the preceding meeting.
d. In making its recommendations for new menu options that
better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body, the
committee shall also consider: available funding for the school
breakfast and school lunch program, equipment, and other issues
that may serve to limit food choices; the qualifications of the
school’s food services employees; and the nutritional value of the
new menu options.
e. Any new menu options offered by the school shall meet
nutritional standards in the National School Lunch and School
Breakfast Programs.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill directs the principal of each public middle school and
high school to establish a food services advisory committee to
consider and recommend school breakfast and lunch menu options
that better reflect the cultural food preferences of the student body.
The committee will serve in an advisory capacity and make
recommendations to the principal.

Under the bill, members of the committee will be selected by the
principal and will include a food services employee, a school
administrator, a school nurse, and four students enrolled in the
school.

The bill directs members of the committee to also consider:
available funding, equipment, and other issues that may serve to
limit food choices; the qualifications of the school’s food services
Finally, the bill provides that any new menu options offered by the school must meet nutritional standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.