SYNOPSIS
Establishes “breakfast after the bell” incentive fund.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.
AN ACT concerning school breakfast programs and supplementing 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 Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall develop and administer an incentive fund that will provide a 10-cent per breakfast supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to school districts that (1) participate in the federal school breakfast program, and (2) meet the eligibility requirements established pursuant to subsection b. of this section.
   
   b. A public school district with schools that participate in the federal school breakfast program that serve “breakfast after the bell” with 20 to 100 percent of its students eligible for free or reduced price breakfast shall be eligible for this additional reimbursement.
   
   c. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall provide guidance and support to school districts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.
   
   d. The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall prepare and issue an annual report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the annual cost of the incentive fund to the State, and the number and percentage of additional students participating in the “breakfast after the bell” program for each school district.
   
   e. The Legislature shall annually appropriate such funds as are necessary to implement this act.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop and administer a “breakfast after the bell” incentive fund to provide an additional reimbursement to certain school districts that participate in the federal school breakfast program.

Under the bill, the incentive fund will provide a 10-cent per breakfast supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to school districts participating in the federal school breakfast program that serve “breakfast after the bell” with 20 to 100 percent of its students eligible for free or reduced price breakfast.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Education, to provide guidance and support
to school districts, and to prepare and issue an annual report
detailing the annual cost of the incentive fund and the number and
percentage of additional students participating in the “breakfast
after the bell” program for each school district.
The bill specifies that the Legislature is to annually appropriate
funds necessary to implement the bill.
The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.
The purpose of the bill is to provide a financial incentive to
encourage more low and middle-income school districts in this
State to move to a school breakfast model that has the capacity to
reach a greater number of students at the start of the school day.