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1 Food Security Amendments

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3 **LONG TITLE**

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- **4** General Description:
- This bill establishes a program to provide {breakfast and } lunch at no cost to an eligible {students} student.
- 6 **Highlighted Provisions:**
- 7 This bill:
- 9 {defines terms;[requires the Department of Work Force Services to participate in the Summer Electronic][Benefits Transfer for Children Program;]}
- 8 defines terms;
- Provides { [all]certain reduced-price eligible } certain students access to { school meals } lunch at no charge;
- requires the State Board of Education to reimburse each local education agency (LEA) for {the maximum reduced-price meal charge of each reimbursable meal the LEA claims} certain reduced price lunches;
- Prohibits an LEA from {publicly identifying or } stigmatizing students who cannot afford meals;
- encourages an LEA to reduce food waste; and

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18	requires communications regarding a student's meal debt to be directed only to the student's
	parent.
16	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
17	None
18	Other Special Clauses:
19	This bill provides a special effective date.
21	ENACTS:
22	53F-2-422, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	AMENDS:
26	{35A-3-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328, as last amended by Laws
	of Utah 2023, Chapter 328}
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24	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
31	{Section 1. Section 35A-3-103 is amended to read: }
32	35A-3-103. Department responsibilities.
	The department shall:
34	(1) administer public assistance programs assigned by the Legislature and the governor;
35	(2) determine eligibility for public assistance programs in accordance with the requirements of this
	chapter;
37	(3) cooperate with the federal government in the administration of public assistance programs;
39	(4) administer state employment services;
40	(5) provide for the compilation of necessary or desirable information, statistics, and reports;
41	(6) perform other duties and functions required by law;
42	(7) monitor the application of eligibility policy;
43	(8) develop personnel training programs for effective and efficient operation of the programs
	administered by the department;
45	(9) provide refugee resettlement services in accordance with Section 35A-3-701;
46	(10) provide child care assistance for children in accordance with Part 2, Office of Child Care;
48	(11) provide services that enable an applicant or recipient to qualify for affordable housing in
	cooperation with:
50	(a) the Utah Housing Corporation;

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- (b) the Housing and Community Development Division; and
- (c) local housing authorities;
- 53 (12) administer the Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control function in accordance with 42 C.F.R. Sec. 431.812; [and] **Ĥ**→ and ←**Ĥ**
- (13) conduct non-clinical eligibility hearings and issue final decisions in adjudicative proceedings, including expedited appeals as defined in 42 C.F.R. Sec. 431.224, for medical assistance eligibility under:
- (a) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Health Care Administration and Assistance; or
- (b) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 9, Utah Children's Health Insurance Program **Ĥ**→ [[].[]; and]
- [(14) beginning summer of 2027, participate in the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for
] ← Ĥ Ĥ→ [Children Program described in 42 U.S.C. 1762:]
- 62 [(a) in accordance with applicable federal law and regulation;]
- [(b) subject to available federal funds; and]
- 64 [(c) subject to legislative appropriations.] ←**Ĥ**
- Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:
- 26 <u>53F-2-422.</u> School Meal Program.
- 67 (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Education model health and wellness policy on nutrition" means state board policy emphasizing that an LEA promote efficient meal scheduling, provide adequate time for eating, and implement practices that help reduce food waste.
- 71 (b) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade {6} 12 who qualifies for reduced-price meals based on household size and income levels under the {School Breakfast Program or } National School Lunch Program.
- 74 (c) "National School Lunch Program" means the same as that term is defined in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 210.2.
- 76 {(d) {"School Breakfast Program" means the same as that term is defined in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 220.2.} }
- [(e)] (d) "Share table program" means a system in a school where a student may return unopened, uneaten food or beverages to a designated location for redistribution to other students.
- 81 (2) An LEA participating in the National School Lunch Program {or School Breakfast Program} shall provide {breakfast and} lunch to an eligible student on a school day at no charge.
- 84 (3) The state board:
- 85 <u>(a) shall:</u>

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- (i) <u>subject to legislative appropriations</u>, reimburse an LEA for each reimbursable {breakfast or } lunch provided under this section in an amount equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement rates for a meal and a reduced-price meal, as determined annually by the United States Department of Agriculture; {and}
- 90 (ii) establish a reimbursement system where the board provides a monthly reimbursement to an LEA that provides a meal under Subsection (2); and
- 49 (iii) accept private donations and grants for the purpose of funding the school meal program described in this section; and
- 92 (b) may provide guidance and support to a school implementing the food waste prevention strategies described in Subsection (6).
- 94 <u>(4) An LEA may not:</u>
- 95 (a) publicly identify or stigmatize a student unable to pay for a meal; or
- (b) require a student to perform chores to pay for a meal unless the requirement applies equally to all students regardless of whether the student pays for the meal.
- 98 (5) {Communications from an LEA, } An LEA shall direct communications regarding a student's meal debt{, shall be directed} only to the student's parent.
- (6) An LEA participating the National School Lunch Program {or School Breakfast Program} shall consider, where feasible, reducing food waste by:
- (a) following the education model health and wellness policy on nutrition; and
- (b) establishing a share table program.
- 63 (7)
 - (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a)(i), if appropriations are insufficient to fully reimburse each LEA for the cost of a reimbursable lunch described in this section, the state board shall distribute the available funds in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year to each LEA on a pro rata basis, not exceeding the available funds.
- 67 (b) An LEA may ask the parent of an eligible student to cover the the remaining cost of a subsidized lunch under this section.
- 69 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.

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