

# HB0100S03 compared with HB0100S02

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1 **Food Security Amendments**  
2025 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy**  
Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill ~~{enacts provisions related to school meal stigmatization and food waste}~~ establishes a  
program to provide lunch at no cost to an eligible student.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ provides certain students access to lunch at no charge;
- 10 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to reimburse each local education agency (LEA) for  
certain reduced price lunches;
- 9 ▶ ~~{prevents a local education agency}~~ prohibits an LEA from stigmatizing ~~{a student with school~~  
~~meal debt}~~ students who cannot afford meals; ~~{and}~~
- 10 ▶ encourages ~~{a local education agency}~~ an LEA to reduce food waste~~{-}~~ ; and
- 14 ▶ requires communications regarding a student's meal debt to be directed only to the  
student's parent.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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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

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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

26 **53F-2-422. School {meals} Meal Program.**

22 (1) As used in this section:

23 (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.

31 (b) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 who qualifies for reduced-price meals based on household size and income levels under the National School Lunch Program.

34 (c) "National School Lunch Program" means the same as that term is defined in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 210.2.

26 ~~{(b)}~~ (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.

39 (2) An LEA participating in the National School Lunch Program shall provide lunch to an eligible student on a school day at no charge.

41 (3) The state board:

42 (a) shall:

43 (i) subject to legislative appropriations, reimburse an LEA for each reimbursable 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;

47 (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

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{(2)} (b) ~~{The state board}~~ may provide guidance and support to a school implementing the food waste prevention strategies described in Subsection ~~{(5)}~~ (6).

53 (4) An LEA may not:

31 ~~{(3)}~~ (a) ~~{An LEA may not}~~ publicly identify or stigmatize a student unable to pay for a meal~~{:}~~; or

55 (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.

32 ~~{(4)}~~ (5) An LEA shall direct communications regarding a student's meal debt only to the student's parent.

34 ~~{(5)}~~ (6) An LEA participating the National School Lunch Program shall consider, where feasible, reducing food waste by:

35 (a) following the education model health and wellness policy on nutrition; and

36 (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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