

Nicholeen P. Peck proposes the following substitute bill:

**Food Security Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy**

Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to school meal stigmatization and food waste.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prevents a local education agency from stigmatizing a student with school meal debt; and
- encourages a local education agency to reduce food waste.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53F-2-422**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53F-2-422** is enacted to read:

**53F-2-422 . School meals.**

(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.

(b) "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.

(2) The state board may provide guidance and support to a school implementing the food

- 30 waste prevention strategies described in Subsection (5).
- 31 (3) An LEA may not publicly identify or stigmatize a student unable to pay for a meal.
- 32 (4) An LEA shall direct communications regarding a student's meal debt only to the
- 33 student's parent.
- 34 (5) An LEA 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.
- 37 **Section 2. Effective Date.**
- 38 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.