

**ASSEMBLY, No. 811**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs Department of Agriculture in consultation with DOE to establish online applications for National School Lunch Program and school breakfast programs.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning online applications for the National School  
2 Lunch Program and school breakfast programs, amending  
3 P.L.2003, c.4, and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes.

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

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9 1. Section 3 of P.L.2003, c.4 (C.18A:33-11) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 3. In implementing a school breakfast program under **[this act]**  
12 P.L.2003, c.4 (C.18A:33-9 et seq.), a school district shall:

13 a. publicize the availability of the school breakfast program to  
14 parents and students;

15 b. make every effort to make available the Internet-based  
16 application developed by the Department of Agriculture, in  
17 consultation with the Department of Education for school meal  
18 applications pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
19 before the legislature as this bill);

20 c. make every effort to ensure that income-eligible students are  
21 not recognized as program participants by the student body, faculty, or  
22 staff in a manner distinct from student participants who are not  
23 income-eligible. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the  
24 establishment of a meal plan or voucher system under which students  
25 receiving subsidized breakfasts are not distinguished from students  
26 receiving non-subsidized breakfasts; and

27 **[c.] d.** make every effort to encourage students who are not  
28 income-eligible to participate in the program.

29 (cf: P.L.2003, c.4, s.3)

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31 2. (New section) a. The Department of Agriculture, in  
32 consultation with the Department of Education, shall develop and  
33 make available to each school district and nonprofit nonpublic school  
34 participating in the National School Lunch Program or in a school  
35 breakfast program, an Internet-based school meal application.

36 b. A school district or nonprofit nonpublic school participating in  
37 the National School Lunch Program or in a school breakfast program  
38 may implement the Internet-based school meal application developed  
39 pursuant to subsection a. of this section. If a school district or  
40 nonprofit nonpublic school implements the Internet-based school meal  
41 application, it shall also continue to make available paper applications  
42 for enrollment in the National School Lunch Program or in a school  
43 breakfast program.

44 c. If a school district or nonprofit nonpublic school currently

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 provides an Internet-based school meal application for enrollment in  
2 the National School Lunch Program or in a school breakfast program,  
3 the school district or nonprofit nonpublic school shall have one year  
4 from the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
5 the Legislature as this act) to switch to the Internet-based school meal  
6 application developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

7 d. As used in this section, “school meal application” means an  
8 Internet-based application designed for the online enrollment of  
9 eligible students in the National School Lunch Program or in a school  
10 breakfast program.

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12 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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17 This bill would require the Department of Agriculture, in  
18 consultation with the Department of Education, to develop and  
19 make available to each school district and nonpublic school  
20 participating in the National School Lunch Program or in a school  
21 breakfast program, an Internet-based online school meal application  
22 for eligible students to participate in these programs. Schools  
23 participating in the National School Lunch Program or in a school  
24 breakfast program would be encouraged to make the online school  
25 meal application available. A participating school district or  
26 nonpublic school that implements the online school meal  
27 application would also be required to continue to make available  
28 paper applications.