



## Bill Text: IL SB2428 | 2017-2018 | 100th General Assembly | Enrolled

### Illinois Senate Bill 2428

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**Bill Title:** Creates the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act. Provides that every school in this State shall provide a federally reimbursable lunch to a student of that school who requests the lunch, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the lunch or owes money for earlier lunches. Provides that if a student owes money for 5 or more lunches, a school shall reach out to the parent or guardian of the student to attempt collection of the owed money and to request that the parent or guardian enroll the student in a free or reduced-price lunch program. Provides that a school may not publicly identify or stigmatize a student who cannot pay for a lunch or who owes money for lunches. Effective immediately.

**Spectrum:** Partisan Bill (Democrat 16-0)

**Status:** (Enrolled) 2018-05-30 - Passed Both Houses [SB2428 Detail]

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the

5 Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "school" means any

7 public or private elementary or secondary school that

8 participates in a United States Department of

9 Agriculture child

10 nutrition program.

11 Section 10. Reimbursable meal or snack.

12 (a) Every school in this State shall provide a federally

13 reimbursable meal or snack to a student of that school

14 who

15 requests the meal or snack, regardless of whether the

16 student

17 has the ability to pay for the meal or snack or owes

18 money for

19 earlier meals or snacks. The school may not provide a

20 student

21 requesting a meal or snack under this subsection (a) an

22 alternate meal or snack that is different from the other

23 meals

24 or snacks provided to students in that school and may

25 not

26 prohibit or prevent a student from accessing the

27 school's meal

20 or snack services.

21 (b) If a student owes money for meals or snacks that is  
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22 excess of the equivalent of the amount charged a student  
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1 lunches, or a lower amount as determined by the  
student's

2 school district or private school, a school may reach  
out to

3 the parent or guardian of the student to attempt  
collection of

4 the owed money and to request that the parent or  
guardian apply

5 for meal benefits in a federal or State child nutrition  
6 program. If the amount owed by a student for meals or  
snacks is

7 owed and payable to a school district in an amount that  
is no

8 less than \$500 and the school district has made  
reasonable

9 efforts to collect the debt from the student's parent or  
10 guardian for at least one year, the school district may  
seek an

11 offset under the State Comptroller Act.

12 Section 15. Anti-stigmatization practices. A school may  
13 not publicly identify or stigmatize a student who cannot  
pay

14 for a meal or snack or who owes money for a meal or  
snack in a

15 manner that includes, but is not limited to:

16 (1) requiring the student to wear a wristband;

17 (2) giving the student a hand stamp;

18 (3) requiring the student to throw away a meal or snack  
19 after being served;

20 (4) requiring the student to sit in a separate  
21 location;

22 (5) publicly posting the name of the student; or

23 (6) any other action that would stigmatize the student.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.