

# House Bill 3454

Sponsored by Representatives MCLANE, CLEM

## SUMMARY

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Describes actions school districts are required to take or are prohibited from taking regarding students who are unable to pay for meals.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school meals; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A school district that makes meals accessible to students at school sites**  
5 **under the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program or**  
6 **School Breakfast Program:**

7 (a) **Must provide a United States Department of Agriculture meal to a student who re-**  
8 **quests the meal:**

9 (A) **Unless the student's parent or guardian has provided written permission to the**  
10 **school district to withhold a meal from the student; and**

11 (B) **Regardless of whether the student has money to pay for the meal or owes money for**  
12 **meals; and**

13 (b) **May not require that a student throw away a meal after the meal has been served**  
14 **because of the student's inability to pay for the meal or because money is owed for meals.**

15 (2) **If a student owes money for five or more meals, a school district shall:**

16 (a) **Determine if the student has been identified as being eligible for free or reduced price**  
17 **lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture's current Income Eligibility**  
18 **Guidelines;**

19 (b) **If the student has not been identified as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection,**  
20 **make at least two attempts to contact the student's parent or guardian to have the parent**  
21 **or guardian fill out an application to determine if the student is eligible for free or reduced**  
22 **price lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture's current Income Eligibility**  
23 **Guidelines; and**

24 (c) **If the student is not eligible or the parent or guardian does not fill out an application**  
25 **as described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, require an administrator or counselor to**  
26 **contact the parent or guardian to:**

27 (A) **Offer assistance filling out an application, if appropriate;**

28 (B) **Determine if there are other issues within the household that have caused the stu-**  
29 **dent to have insufficient funds to purchase a meal; and**

30 (C) **Offer any other assistance that is appropriate.**

31 (3) **A school district may not:**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

