
SENATE BILL 5982

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By Senators McDonald, Roach, Johnson, McCaslin, Gaspard, Rinehart, Murray, Hayner, Wojahn and Snyder; by request of Governor Gardner and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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1 AN ACT Relating to feeding school children during teachers' work
2 stoppage; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state school
6 feeding programs are essential to the health and well-being of many
7 children and that continuing these programs during a teachers' work
8 stoppage is in the best interests of the state of Washington.

9 The legislature intends to continue to provide food to eligible
10 children who customarily receive free or reduced meals at their
11 schools, using the regular food programs, during the teachers' work
12 stoppage, which began on April 18, 1991, in forty-six districts
13 throughout the state.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The superintendent of public instruction
2 may reimburse school districts with state funds for the amount of any
3 unavailable federal share of costs for free or reduced school
4 breakfasts or lunches actually provided to children during the
5 teachers' work stoppage that began April 18, 1991.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as
7 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
8 ending June 30, 1991, from the general fund to the superintendent of
9 public instruction solely to replace federal funding for free and
10 reduced school breakfasts and lunches that the state will not receive
11 because of the teachers' work stoppage.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
15 effect immediately.