

HB 1508-S.E2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes the Washington kids ready to learn act of 2018.

Requires each high-needs school to offer breakfast after the bell to each student and provide adequate time for students to consume the food.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to:

- (1) Develop and distribute best practices and provide technical assistance to school districts on strategies for selecting food items that are low in added sugar; and

- (2) Administer one-time start-up allocation grants to each high-needs school implementing a breakfast after the bell program.

Authorizes school districts and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to coordinate with the department of agriculture to promote and facilitate new and existing regional markets programs, including farm-to-school initiatives, and small farm direct marketing assistance.

Authorizes the office of the superintendent of public instruction to award grants to school districts to collaborate with community-based organizations, food banks, and farms or gardens for reducing high school dropout occurrences through farm engagement projects.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an analysis of breakfast after the bell programs established in schools.