

ESHB 2610 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

OUT OF ORDER 03/01/2018

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1)(a) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (2) of this
6 section, each school that participates in the national school lunch
7 program, the school breakfast program, or both, shall annually
8 distribute and collect an application for all households of children
9 in kindergarten through grade twelve to determine student eligibility
10 for free or reduced-price meals. If a parent or guardian of a student
11 needs assistance with application materials in a language other than
12 English, the school shall offer appropriate assistance to the parent
13 or guardian.

14 (b) If a student who, based on information available to the
15 school, is likely eligible for free or reduced-price meals but has
16 not submitted an application to determine eligibility, the school
17 shall, in accordance with the authority granted under 7 C.F.R. Sec.
18 245.6(d), complete and submit the application for the student.

19 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a school
20 that provides free meals to all students in a year in which the
21 school does not collect applications to determine student eligibility
22 for free or reduced-price meals.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) Local liaisons for homeless children and youths designated by
26 districts in accordance with the federal McKinney-Vento homeless
27 assistance act 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11431 et seq. must improve systems to
28 identify homeless students and coordinate with the applicable school
29 nutrition program to ensure that each homeless student has proper

1 access to free school meals and that applicable accountability and
2 reporting requirements are satisfied.

3 (2) Schools and school districts shall improve systems to
4 identify students in foster care, runaway students, and migrant
5 students to ensure that each student has proper access to free school
6 meals and that applicable accountability and reporting requirements
7 are satisfied.

8 (3) At least monthly, schools and school districts shall directly
9 certify students for free school meals if the students qualify
10 because of enrollment in assistance programs, including but not
11 limited to the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the
12 temporary assistance for needy families, and medicaid.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.235
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 If a student has not paid for five or more previous meals, the
16 school shall:

17 (1) Determine whether the student is categorically eligible for
18 free meals;

19 (2) If no application has been submitted for the student to
20 determine his or her eligibility for free or reduced-price meals,
21 make no fewer than two attempts to contact the student's parent or
22 guardian to have him or her submit an application; and

23 (3) Have a principal, assistant principal, or school counselor
24 contact the parent or guardian for the purpose of: (a) Offering
25 assistance with completing an application to determine the student's
26 eligibility for free or reduced-price meals; (b) determining whether
27 there are any household issues that may prevent the student from
28 having sufficient funds for school meals; and (c) offering any
29 appropriate assistance.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
33 collect, analyze, and promote to school districts and applicable
34 community-based organizations best practices in local meal charge
35 policies that are required by the United States department of
36 agriculture in memorandum SP 46-2016.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act may be known and cited as the
2 hunger-free students' bill of rights act."

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3 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "rights;" strike the
4 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
5 28A.235 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and
6 creating a new section."

EFFECT: Removes the section of the bill that prohibits school and district personnel and school volunteers from taking certain actions and requires school districts to notify parents or guardians of a negative balance of a student's meal account no later than 10 days after the meal account has reached a negative balance.

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