

HB 2610 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Establishes the hunger-free students' bill of rights act.

Requires a school that participates in the national school lunch program and/or the school breakfast program to annually distribute and collect an application for all households of children in kindergarten through grade twelve to determine student eligibility for free or reduced-price meals.

Requires local liaisons for homeless children and youths designated by districts to coordinate with the applicable school nutrition program to ensure that each homeless student has proper access to free school meals.

Requires all schools to provide a meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement as either a free or reduced-price lunch under the national school lunch program, or a free or reduced-price breakfast under the school breakfast program, to each student requesting a meal.

Prohibits a school or district from publicly identifying or stigmatizing a student who cannot pay for a school meal or for meals previously served to the student.