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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to school nutrition program
3	requirements; amending s. 595.405, F.S.; requiring
4	school districts, upon the request of a student or his
5	or her parent or guardian, to provide certain
6	alternative meals and snacks to students; providing
7	cost requirements for such meals and snacks;
8	authorizing such request to be made at the beginning
9	of each semester; providing school district
10	requirements; providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 595.405,
15	Florida Statutes, to read:
16	595.405 School nutrition program requirements
17	(9) Upon the request of a student who is eligible for free
18	or reduced-price meals or snacks under the National School Lunch
19	Program or any other program or his or her parent or guardian, a
20	school district must provide the student with a plant-based,
21	kosher, and halal meal or snack that complies with federal
22	nutrition mandates at the same cost to the student as a non-
23	plant-based, non-kosher, or non-halal meal or snack. Each school
24	district must offer at least one plant-based, kosher, and halal
25	meal or snack for every two non-plant-based, non-kosher, or non-

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27	<u>or her parent or guardian for an alternative meal or snack may</u>
28	be made at the beginning of each semester. Each school district
29	must publish information about meal and snack alternatives on
30	its website.
31	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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