

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 986

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

SCHOOLS/FOOD PROGRAMS: Provides relative to school nutrition programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:194(B)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S.
3 17:194(B)(1) and (2), relative to school nutrition programs; to provide relative to the
4 use of state funds for school nutrition programs; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:194(B)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §194. Administration of nutrition program; general powers of governing authorities
9 of nutrition program providers; funds for privately supplied programs for
10 profit prohibited; exceptions

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12 B. The state Department of Education, pursuant to rules and regulations
13 promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, may
14 employ personnel and take other action it may deem necessary to provide for the
15 establishment, maintenance, and expansion of any nutrition program and to direct the
16 disbursement of federal and state funds in accordance with any applicable provisions
17 of federal or state law. ~~However, no state appropriated funds shall be disbursed for~~
18 ~~the support of any nutrition program which shall be used by any private person,~~
19 ~~enterprise, concern, or other entity for profit, regardless of any authority in federal~~

1 ~~or state law for contracting with such a private supplier or provider of nutrition~~
2 ~~programs, except with regard to the following:~~

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4 Section 2. R.S. 17:194(B)(1) and (2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes prohibition on disbursement of state appropriated funds for school nutrition programs.

Present law provides for meals for students in elementary and secondary schools and other aspects of a school nutrition program. Authorizes the Dept. of Education to take actions to implement such programs and disburse state and federal funds therefor.

Present law prohibits disbursement of state appropriated funds for school nutrition programs to any private person or for profit entity. Excepts the Child and Adult Care Food program and any elementary or secondary school operated by La. State University or Southern University.

Proposed law removes this prohibition.

(Amends R.S. 17:194(B)(intro. para.); Repeals 17:194(B)(1) and (2))