

HOUSE BILL 1859

By Spivey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the school lunch program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 23, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Application forms used by LEAs by which parents apply for their children to receive free or reduced price lunches under the National School Lunch Program, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et.seq., shall:

(1) Ask for the parents' income information in a simple, straightforward manner;

(2) Not contain any information on the income levels for eligibility for free or reduced price lunches; and

(3) Plainly state that those applying for their children to receive free or reduced price lunches may be required to verify any statement made on the application concerning income.

(b) LEAs shall annually verify the incomes stated on the application forms of at least ten percent (10%) of the parents whose children receive free or reduced price lunches.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.