

SENATE BILL 2389

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6 and Title 49, Chapter 1, relative to
school meals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2302, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Each local school board and governing body of a public charter school shall establish a school lunch program and a school breakfast program to provide a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in each school under the board's or body's jurisdiction in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to § 49-6-2303.

(b)

(1) This state shall reimburse each LEA and public charter school the cost of providing a free breakfast and lunch to each student enrolled in the LEA or public charter school after all federal funds available pursuant to the national school lunch program created by the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1751-1769), the school breakfast program created by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. §§ 1771-1789), or another federal program have been applied.

(2) Reimbursement paid by this state pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) for meals provided to students enrolled in a public charter school may be paid directly to the public charter school or to the public charter school's LEA for distribution to the public charter school in accordance with § 49-13-112.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2303, is amended by deleting the language "regardless of its participation" in subdivision (5) and by deleting subdivision (10).

SECTION 3. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.