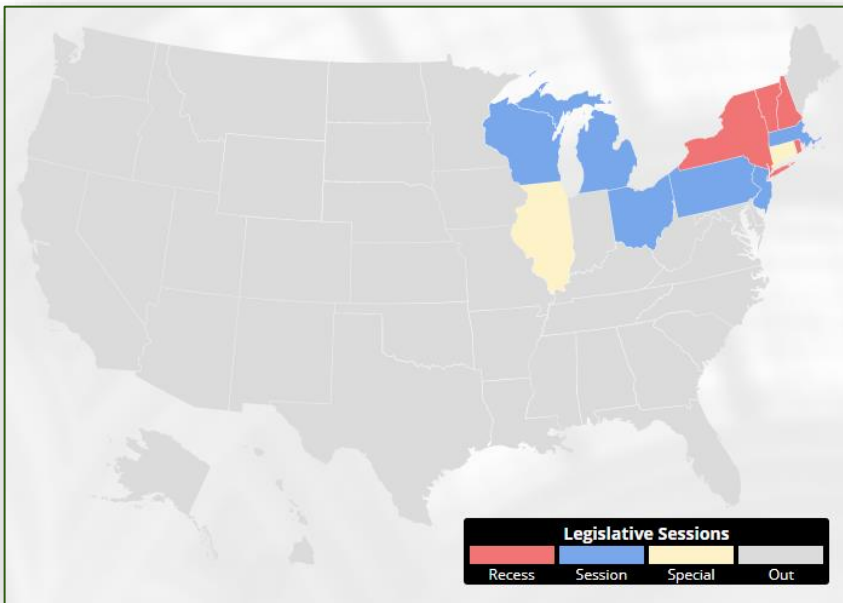




# 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY: THIRD QUARTER REPORT

*This report is a summary of school nutrition relevant state bills introduced between January 1 and September 30, 2017. Annual funding bills are not included. SNA state advocacy tools and resources are a collaborative effort intended to facilitate awareness and communication of grassroots efforts at the local level. We encourage you to email [advocacy@schoolnutrition.org](mailto:advocacy@schoolnutrition.org) with updates.*

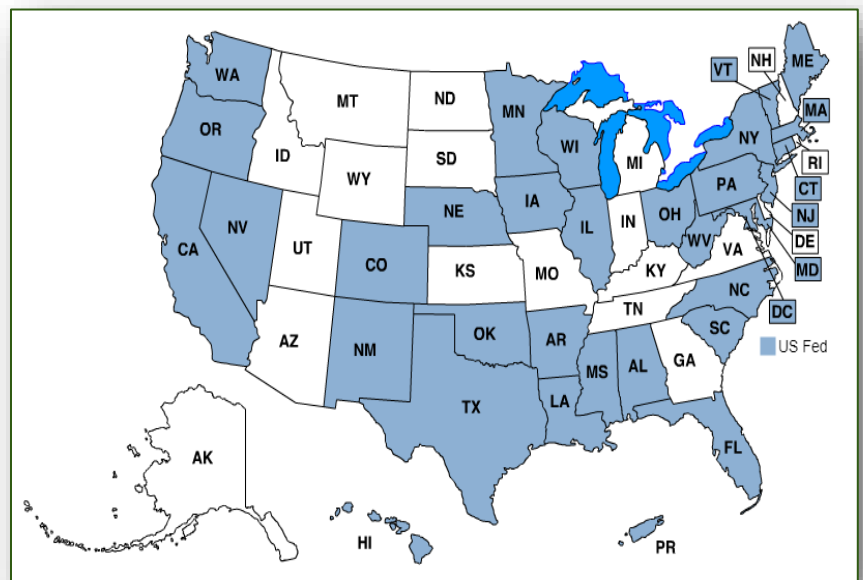


## SESSION SCHEDULES

This map shows state legislatures that are in session, in special session, or adjourned. Many states allow bills introduced in 2017 to be carried over into 2018 at the request of the sponsor or cosponsor. These states are noted in the summary and status section of this report.

## STATE OVERVIEW

The map on the right provides an overview of the states that have introduced school nutrition legislation in the 2017 legislative year.



## NEWLY ENACTED

The following bills were newly approved and enacted into law since the SNA [Second Quarter State Legislation Report](#):

**California:** [AB 1219](#), which expands existing liability protections for the donation of foods that would otherwise be wasted.

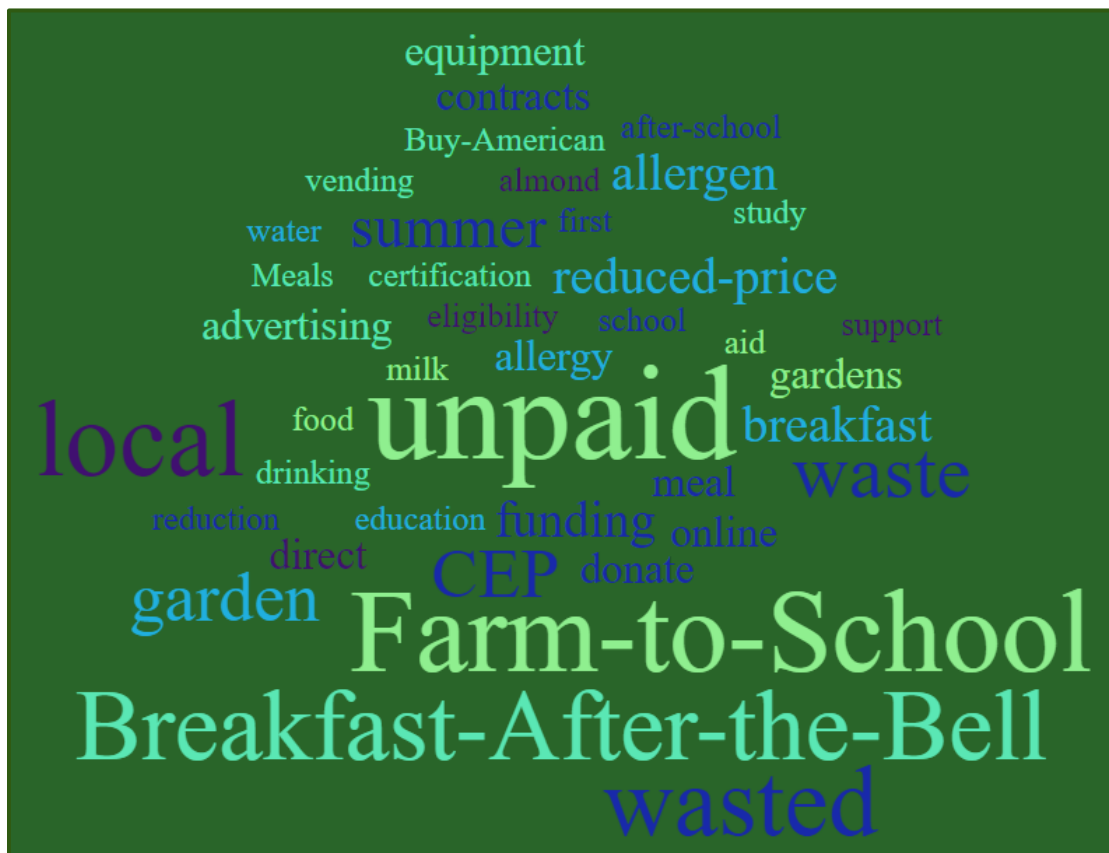
**Illinois:** [HB 2993](#) which allows school districts to serve produce grown and harvested by students in school-owned or community gardens, and [HB 2510](#) which requires all food service establishments to have on the premises at all times an allergen safety certified food service sanitation manager.

**New Jersey:** [A 3056](#) which requires the Department of Education to establish voluntary guidelines for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education to reduce, recover, and recycle food waste and [A 2819](#) which creates “Nourishing Young Minds Initiative Fund”.

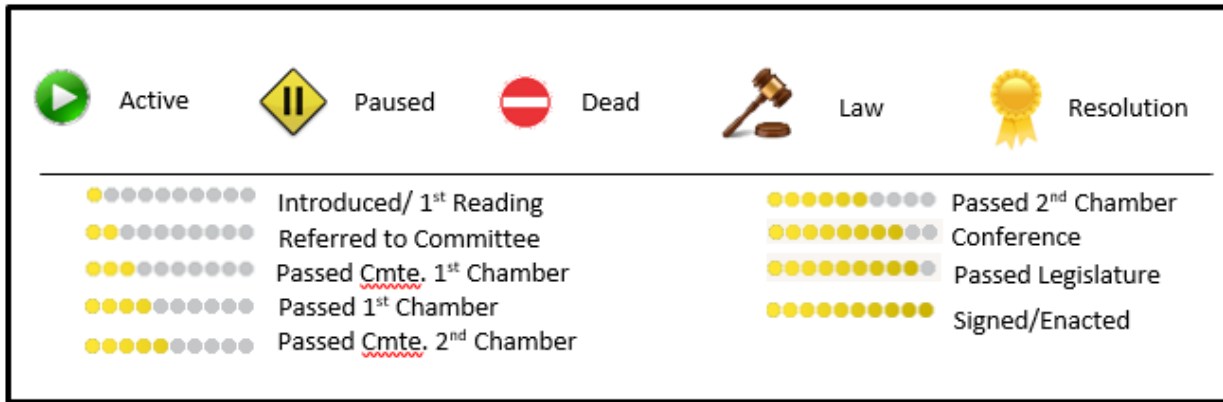
## EMERGING TRENDS

There were 147 school nutrition relevant state bills introduced (or carried over) as of the end of the third quarter of the 2017 legislative year.

Bills expanding the Farm to School program and encouraging local procurement, including school gardens, is the top trend. Legislation tackling food waste is also popular, often addressed by extending liability protection to establishments wishing to donate excess food. The debate over unpaid meal balance policy continues, some bills requiring that any student that requests a meal is served a USDA reimbursable meal regardless of their ability to pay or status of an unpaid meal fund. Bills legislating allergy awareness and dietary restriction considerations continue to gain traction as does expansion of alternative breakfast program models.



## SUMMARY AND STATUS OF LEGISLATION



### ALABAMA - ADJOURNED ON 5/19/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[HB 53](#)

Introduced 1/23/2017

Specifies that federal funds for school nutrition may be used for the **purchase of farm products** and that the exception to the competitive bid process for local boards of education would be equal to or less than the federal small purchase threshold.



[SB 99](#)

Introduced 2/7/2017

Extending immunity to food service establishments that donate any food that may otherwise be **wasted**. A good faith donor of canned or perishable food, which is fit for human consumption at the time it is donated to a charitable or nonprofit organization for free distribution shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability.

### ARKANSAS - ADJOURNED ON 5/1/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[HCR 1005](#)

Introduced 1/31/2017

Resolution recognizing and **declaring support** for the Healthy Active Arkansas initiative by the Arkansas Department of Health. The initiative includes combating childhood obesity by supporting nutritious school meals.



[HB 1839](#)

Introduced 3/2/2017

Creating the **Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act** which is intended to strengthen local farm and food economies. The bill also creates a Program Coordinator position with duties that include encouraging and facilitating involvement and participation in the **Farm to School** Program.



[HB 2264](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/6/2017

“To amend the requirements related to national school lunch categorical funding.”

CALIFORNIA - IN SESSION



[SB 138](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/13/2017

This bill would, on or before September 1, 2018, require a school district that has a very high poverty school to apply for and operate a universal meal service (**CEP**) to all pupils at the very high poverty school. The bill would authorize a school district to stop providing the universal free meal service if the school ceases to be very high poverty. Because the bill would impose additional duties on school districts and county superintendents of schools, it would impose a state-mandated local program. In addition, requires the State Department of Education to share Medi-Cal program participation data with school districts for purposes of **direct certification**.



[AB 567](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/14/2017

This bill would require a school district, on or after July 1, 2018, to ensure that every **drinking water fountain** at each school under its jurisdiction is equipped with both a water fountain and a spigot for filling water bottles.



[SB 250](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/7/2017

The Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017 requires local educational agencies to develop an **unpaid meal plan** that includes making all attempts to directly certify a student with an unpaid meal balance totaling more than 5 full priced lunches. If the student is determined eligible, the parent must be reimbursed for school meal fees paid and any debt forgiven. To the extent that these provisions would place additional requirements on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state.



[SB 557](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduce 2/16/2017

Existing law prohibits unused food previously served to a customer from being offered again for human consumption. This bill would exempt certain specified foods that would otherwise be **wasted food** if a food service staff, student or faculty place it on a sharing table to later donate to a charitable organization.



[SB 730](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

Requires the State Department of Education to take certain actions to monitor and enforce the **Buy American** provision above federal law by requiring the department to establish a process for school food authorities to request an exception to the provision and require that school food authority to provide notice to the public and to the parents or guardians of the procurement of foreign commodities.



[AB 691](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/15/2017

An act allowing **almond milk** to be considered a milk for purposes of inclusion in school meal programs.



[AB 1502](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2015

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to create a computerized data matching system using existing databases from the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Care Services to **directly certify** free and reduced price students. This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services or the State Department of Education to conduct the data match of the local school records to determine program eligibility.



[AB 1592](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

Extending the time frame a school may submit a report of use of Instructional School **Garden** funding to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.



[AB 1219](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

Expands existing liability protections for the donation of foods that would otherwise be **wasted**.



[SB 782](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

This bill would establish the California Grown Fresh School Meals Grant Program. The Program would require the establishment of a grant application process for school districts to apply for and receive funds for the purchase of **local** California grown food.



[AB 841](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/16/2017

Prohibits **advertising** food or beverages during the school day, and from participating in corporate incentive program that rewards pupils with free or discounted foods or beverages that do not comply with reimbursable meal standards.



[AB 1461](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

Requires an employee of a food facility to obtain a **food handler card** in accordance with specific requirements.

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COLORADO - ADJOURNED ON 5/10/2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [HB 1192](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/17/2017

Repeals the interagency **farm-to-school** coordination task force and ends the terms of current members of the Colorado food systems advisory council. Provides for the appointment of new members to the council. Council duties include facilitating the link of Colorado producers with food and nutrition assistance programs such as the farm to school programs.

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CONNECTICUT - IN SPECIAL SESSION 2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [HB 5601](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/13/2017

To encourage school districts to use **locally** grown foods in their school food programs.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - IN SESSION 2017-2018

 [B22-313](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 6/6/2017

Makes changes to nutrition and wellness policies in District Schools. It makes changes to nutrition-content requirements; expands **breakfast after the bell** and alternate serving models for breakfast participation programs; encourages schools to purchase food in a manner consistent with the Good Food Purchasing Program's core values; requires OSSE to submit a report to the Mayor and Council regarding best practices for developing a **central kitchen**; and requires that all schools post **menu** and source information on their website.

 [B22-456](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 9/29/2017

Requires **universal meal service** at all public, charter, and participating private schools.

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FLORIDA - ADJOURNED ON 5/8/2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [HB 1247](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 1692](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/7/2017


Requires the Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to annually provide school districts with information regarding school **garden** programs. The bill also allows schools with garden programs to select one day a week to allow students who qualify for free or reduced lunch to select and receive produce from the garden.


 [HB 129](#) *pre-filed for 2018*

Requires that any student who requests a meal shall receive a USDA reimbursable meal regardless of ability to pay and status of an **unpaid meal balance**. Requires schools to provide certain information relating to free or reduced-price meals and requires that schools complete an application for free or reduced-price meals on a student's behalf under certain circumstances. Requires cooperation with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to ensure homeless children receive a meal.

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## HAWAII - IN SESSION


 [HB 255](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 807](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/19/2017  
Establishes the **farm to school** grant program to provide grants to farmers participating in the Hawaii farm to school program. Creates the farm to school grant program special fund.


 [SB 423](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/25/2017  
**Unpaid meals** bill that prohibits denying a student a meal for the first 30 days of the first semester of a school year while the student's application for free or for the first week the meal fund balance is zero or negative. Also, authorizes the Hawaii Department of Education to adopt rules or policies on the collection of funds for negative student meal balances.


 [HB 1341](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 882](#)  
Introduced 1/27/2017  
Designates the month of October as "**Farm to School** Month in Hawaii."

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## ILLINOIS - IN SPECIAL SESSION - CARRYOVER TO 2018


 [HB 2993](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 2/9/2017  
Allows school districts to serve students produce grown and harvested by students in school-owned or community **gardens** if the produce meets requirements adopted by the Department of Public Health.

 [HB 2510](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 2/7/2017  
Requires all food service organizations to have on the premises at all times a certified food service sanitation manager who has undergone training that follows nationally recognized industry standards for **allergen safety** and allergen awareness.

 [SR 492](#)  
Introduced 5/9/2017  
Resolution encouraging schools to adopt a **Breakfast After the Bell** program.

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## IOWA - ADJOURNED 4/22/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018

 [HF 411](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 2/17/2017 Authorizing the school budget review committee to grant supplemental aid or establish a modified supplemental **funding** amount for a school district with an unusual increase in students eligible for free and reduced price meals and including applicability provisions.

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LOUISIANA - ADJOURNED 6/8/2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [HB 208](#)   
Introduced 3/29/2017

Provides additional restrictions on beverages and **competitive foods** that may be sold on school grounds during the instructional day.

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MAINE - ADJOURNED 10/27/2017- NO CARRYOVER

 [LD 809](#)  (vetoed by governor)  
Introduced 3/2/2017

Requires a school with at least 50% free or reduced eligibility to operate an alternative breakfast delivery service that provides **breakfast after the bell**. Also, establishes a process for a school to opt out of this requirement. Requires the Maine Department of Education to track health and academic outcomes of students and schools that participate in breakfast after the bell.

 [LD 816](#)   
Introduced 3/2/2017



This bill directs the State to fund the elimination of **reduced-price** category in order to provide all children under 185% of the federal poverty level free lunch at school.

 [LD 1113](#)   
Introduced 3/21/2017



Requiring the Department of Education to develop and make available to public schools an **online application** for eligible students for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. The bill provides that a public school may make available the online application developed by the Department for School Meal Applications. The bill also provides that if a public school implements an online applications process, the public school is also required to maintain paper applications for school meals.

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MARYLAND - ADJOURNED 4/10/2017 - NO CARRYOVER


 [HB 257](#)   
[SB 359](#)  
Introduced 1/23/2017

Authorizing participating secondary schools to serve breakfast in any part of the school, including “Grab and Go” carts. Clarifies when **breakfast after the bell** should be served.

 [HB 273](#)   
Introduced 1/23/2017

Establishes the **Summer Meals** Grant program.



 [HB 288](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 360](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/23/2017

The “Maryland Cares for Kids Act” Eliminates the **reduced-price** category for both breakfast and lunch.

 [HB 287](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/25/2017


The “Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2017” renews the “Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015” and allows school to continue to use the federal funding allowed through **CEP** without fear of losing state education funding.

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## MASSACHUSETTS - IN SESSION

 [SB 848](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/20/2017

Allowing food service entities or retail stores to donate food that would otherwise be **wasted** without liability for civil damages or injury.

 [HB 3549](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/25/2017


Massachusetts School Building Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Education shall develop a 3-year pilot program for up to 1 school per calendar year with the purpose of updating school kitchen **equipment** for fresh food preparation. The Pilot Program shall include a Farm-to-School Grants Program to award local grants to help Massachusetts schools develop and sustain relationship with local producers. The bill also requires development of a farm-to-school community challenge 4-year pilot program.

 [SB 242](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/23/2017

Requiring all K-12 schools where at least sixty percent of students are eligible for free or reduced meals to offer all students **breakfast after the bell**. Time spent by students consuming breakfast is considered instructional time when it is consumed in the students’ classroom and instruction is being provided. Before September 2018 the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop procedures for implementation of this initiative and shall annually collect information about breakfast after the bell at the end of each year of implementation.

 [HB 327](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/23/2017

Expands the **Breakfast After the Bell** program by requiring all schools with more sixty percent or more free or reduced eligibility to serve breakfast after the instructional day has begun.

 [HB 1199](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/19/2017

Authorizes food service establishments to donate their edible leftover cooked and nonperishable foods that would otherwise be **wasted food** to charitable organizations and exempts them from liability.

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MICHIGAN - IN SESSION

 [SB 99](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/2/2017

Encourages a model **Farm to School** field trip program geared towards providing children with hands-on learning experiences on local farms.

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MINNESOTA - ADJOURNED 5/22/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018

 [HF 652](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 587](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/30/2017

Authorizes a school to renew an annual food service **management contract** up to three additional times.

 [HF 1217](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SF 1038](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/15/17

State reimbursement **funding** for each school lunch served increased by five cents.

 [HF 2049](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SF1657](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/2/2017

Establishes a **Farm to School** administrative support, technical assistance, training, and grant program to facilitate procurement of Minnesota grown food and increase children's access to healthy fresh food. The bill also appropriates funds for the program.

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MISSISSIPPI - ADJOURNED 3/29/2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [HB 103](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/3/2017

Requires school districts to serve low-fat meals and snacks to students diagnosed as **overweight** and to those students whose parents have requested it.

 [HB 104](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/3/2017

Requires school cafeterias to prepare menus in strict compliance with **federal nutrition standards** and to display the nutritional guide chart of the food pyramid.

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MONTANA - ADJOURNED 4/28/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[SB 115](#) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/22/2016

Primarily an education bill that uses the Community Eligibility Provision as a definition for a school in a high poverty area.

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NEBRASKA - ADJOURNED 5/23/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018



[LB 235](#) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/11/2017

Clarifies grant requirements for the **Summer** Food Service Program.



[LR 148](#) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 5/9/2017

**Interim study** to examine school meal programs in Nebraska.

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NEVADA - ADJOURNED 6/6/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[SB 3](#) ●●●●●●●●

Prefiled 11/15/2016

Revises current **Breakfast After the Bell** Program law removing requirement for a 10% free-reduced participation increase each year. Instead, requires that schools must maintain free-reduced breakfast participation or communicate a plan to address the decline in participation.



[SB 167](#) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/13/2017

Makes an appropriation for the creation and maintenance of **school gardens**.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE - ADJOURNED 10/30/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018



[SB 103](#) (inexpedient to legislate) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/24/2017

Limits food and beverage **advertising** on school property.

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NEW JERSEY- IN SESSION



[A 2819](#) ●●●●●●●●

Introduced 12/5/2016

Creates “Nourishing Young Minds Initiative Fund” in Department of Agriculture to help **fund** child food and nutrition programs.



[A3056](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/16/2016

Requires the Department of Education to establish voluntary guidelines for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education to reduce, recover, and recycle **food waste**; extends the “Food Bank Good Samaritan Act” providing immunity to public and nonpublic schools against civil and criminal actions.



[A 4904](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 6/1/2017

Providing specifics steps for addressing students with **unpaid meal balances** and prohibits public identification of the student.



[A 4908](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 3372](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 6/1/2017

Directs DOE to establish **online applications** for National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.



[AR 254](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 6/1/2017

Urges the President and Congress to expand access to **afterschool and summer meal** programs and streamline the application process for summer meals.



[AR 255](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 6/1/2017

Urges USDA to **lower eligibility threshold** for school meal programs.

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NEW MEXICO - ADJOURNED 5/30/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[HB 208](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 379](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/23/2017


Provides one million four hundred forty thousand dollars to be used from the public education department general fund for the purpose of providing **local** New Mexico-Grown fresh fruits and vegetables to school meals.




[SB 374](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/10/2017


Sets specific guidelines for addressing **unpaid meal debt**. Regardless of whether a student has money to pay for a meal or carries an unpaid meal balance, the school must provide a meal that meets USDA standards to any student that requests one. If an unpaid meals balance exceeds the amount of five meals, the school must take certain specified steps to notify the parents.

 [SB 346](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 2/7/2017  
Requiring **Charter Schools** to determine eligibility for and implement free and reduced price meal programs.


 [HM 54](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 2/13/2017  
A memorial recognizing the importance of school meal programs and declaring February 20,2017, as “School Nutrition Day” in the New Mexico House of Representatives.


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NEW YORK - ADJOURNED 6/21/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018

 [AB 1081](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 2768](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/10/2017  
Allows individuals to make a gift on their personal tax form for the New York **farm to school** and school **garden** fund. The fund will be used to establish school gardens and purchase equipment and educational materials to promote student’s consumption of local products.

 [SB 107](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/3/2017  
Outlines specified steps for reducing **food waste** in food service establishments.

 [AB 3456](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/27/2017  
Requires that all **contracts** to provide, maintain and operate a school cafeteria by a private food service **management company** must be awarded through a request for proposal procurement process.

 [AB 262](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 2030](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/4/2017  
Requires the creation and posting of a food **allergy** poster in all food service establishments.

 [AB 329](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/4/2017  
Requires managers and employees hired by a food service establishment to complete **allergen** awareness training.

 [AB 3412](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[SB 5461](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


Introduced 1/26/2017

Requires food service establishments generating over a certain specified amount of food **waste** to take measures to minimize waste.

 [AB 5951](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/16/2017

Establishes further restrictions for foods that may be sold in **vending machines** on school grounds.

 [SB 1430](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[AB 7011](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/9/2017

Permits school districts to favor **locally** sourced goods.

 [SB 1463](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[AB 7007](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/9/2017

Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to create an annual award to recognize school staff involved in a **farm-to-school** program or school garden.

 [SB 1471](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/9/2017

Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets to conduct a study on Vermont's **Food Education** Every Day (VT-FEED) program and within one year make recommendations on how a similar program may be implemented in New York.

 [SB 1904](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[AB 7003](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


Introduced 1/11/2017

Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to create an annual award to recognize students involved in a **farm-to-school** program or school garden. Students can be nominated by their principal or teacher.


 [AB 3299](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/26/2017


Authorizes the Commissioner of education to establish the school **breakfast** incentive program to provide grants to eligible school buildings or programs that increase participation in the school breakfast program by removing barriers to participation.

-  [SB 4980](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 3/3/2017**


Directs the Office of General Services to implement a pilot program that provides warehouse space and technical assistance for the aggregation, storage and distribution of **locally** grown foods to regional school services through the NSLP.
  
-  [SB 3035](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 1/18/2017**

Creates the school-to-pantry donation credit which allows schools to receive a credit for donating food cultivated in the school **garden**.
  
-  [SB 4486](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


[AB 6132](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 2/23/2017**

Requires school districts to purchase **local** food products grown, produced, harvested, or processed in New York state.
  
-  [SB 6425](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


[AB 537](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 5/18/2017**

Requires **food allergy awareness** in food establishments and online food ordering services.
  
-  [AB 6750](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


[SB 5838](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 3/16/2017**

Enacts the New York state Excess Food Act which provides for mandatory donation of consumable food products that would otherwise be **wasted**; provides mandatory composting of appropriate materials; establishes the New York State Excess Food Fund which will be funded by fines collected from violations of the New York state Excess Food act.
  
-  [SB 5664](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


[AB 2409](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


**Introduced 6/13/2016**


Authorizes the Commissioner of education to establish voluntary guidelines for the donation of **excess, unused edible food** from educational institutions' meal programs to voluntary food assistance programs.
  
-  [SB 5837](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

**Introduced 5/2/2017**

Enacts the "food service **waste reduction act**"; provides for the prohibition on the use of certain disposable food service ware.


 [SB 6000](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 5/10/2017  
Relates to **contracts** relating to the provision, maintenance and operation of cafeterias and restaurant service in schools.


 [SB 6444](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[AB 7376](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 4/25/2017  
Relates to the rights of students and responsibilities of schools when a student carries an **unpaid meals** balance.

 [SB 6036](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[AB 8203](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 5/10/2017  
Requires schools and boards of cooperative educational services to establish charge policies in order to ensure consistent and transparent approach to instances of an **unpaid meal** balance.


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NORTH CAROLINA - ADJOURNED 4/5/2017 - NO CARRYOVERS

 [S 637](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[H 603](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 4/5/2017  
Appropriating funds for the Small Farms to Healthier Schools Initiative, a partnership between school nutrition programs and **local** farmers.

 [H 893](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 4/26/2017  
Appropriating ten million in **funds** for prekindergarten and elementary schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program.

 [H 891](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 4/25/2017  
**Free** breakfast and lunch for all K-12 public school students.

 [H 892](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 4/26/2017  
Appropriating funds to provide free lunch to any student eligible for reduced-price lunch and to enact an **anti-lunch shaming** policy.



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OHIO - IN SESSION



[HB 80](#)

[SB 54](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/22/2017

Requires all schools with at least 50% free/reduced eligibility to allow an approved **summer food** service program sponsor to use school facilities to provide meals. The Department of Education must post a list of approved summer food service program sponsors that may use school facilities.



[HB 224](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 5/16/2017

Allows school to re-serve time-and-temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened undamaged, and in the original packaging in order to reduce **food waste**.



[SB 191](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 9/14/2017

Establishes the **Breakfast After the Bell** Program for public schools.

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OKLAHOMA - ADJOURNED 5/26/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018



[HB 1875](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/19/2017

Addresses **food waste** by authorizing a school to donate surplus food.

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OREGON - ADJOURNED 7/7/2017 - NO CARRYOVER



[HB 2652](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/9/2017

The Department of Education may enter into a written agreement with a school district that qualifies under **CEP** to reimburse the school district for the portion of the cost of providing meals to students that is not reimbursed by the USDA.



[HB 2038](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/9/2017

Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for grant programs that allow school districts to purchase **local** Oregon food products and pay for costs related to food-based, agriculture-based and **garden**-based educational activities.



[HB 3454](#) ●●●●●●●●●●


Introduced 5/4/2017

Describes actions school districts are required to take or are prohibited from taking regarding students who are unable to pay for meals or carry an **unpaid meal** balance.

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PENNSYLVANIA - IN SESSION


 [HR 140](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 3/9/2016  
Designates the week of March 6 through March 10, 2017 as “National School Breakfast Week” in Pennsylvania.


 [HB 872](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 3/16/2017  
Requires food service employees to obtain emergency **first aid training** and certification. Provides for waivers of the training and certification under certain conditions.

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SOUTH CAROLINA - ADJOURNED 5/11/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018


 [H 3047](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/10/2017  
Requires schools to offer the same milk and meal choice to free/reduced price eligible students and students paying full price.

 [S 41](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 1/10/2017  
Provides that by SY2018-19 each school district shall provide a nutritional, well-balanced school breakfast and lunch program at no cost to the student. Repeals requirement that a school must have at least 40% free/reduced eligibility to offer breakfast. Repeals assessment of continuation of providing a school meal to a student with an **unpaid meal** balance. Repeals state law allowing the State Board of Education to grant a hardship waiver. Schools that lack facilities or equipment to offer a school breakfast and lunch program shall receive the costs necessary from the State.

 [H 4237](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
[S 701](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 5/3/2017  
A House and Senate resolution recognizing the impact of child hunger and encouraging adoption of **CEP**.

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TEXAS - ADJOURNED 5/29/2017 - NO CARRYOVER

 [SB 1696](#) ●●●●●●●●●●  
Introduced 3/9/2017  
Requiring the Texas Department of Agriculture to conduct a study to determine the school districts eligible to implement **CEP**. The schools will be notified and in turn must conduct an economic analysis of cost savings that would result from participation in CEP. After receiving these analyses from the schools, the Department of Agriculture will submit a report on the number of school districts eligible and potential of cost savings to the Governor and State legislature.

 [HB 2159](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/21/2017

Requires schools to allow a grace period for students with **unpaid meal debt** of at least two weeks during which time the student will receive a regular meal. The school is directed to follow certain specified steps in contacting and making arrangements with the student's parent or guardian.

 [HB 3743](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 1683](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/9/2017

Requires a food **allergen awareness** poster to be displayed in food service establishments.

 [HB 4206](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

[SB 1310](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/10/2017

**Eliminates** the requirement that a school district must establish a local school health advisory **council**.

 [SB 1308](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 3/3/2017

**Eliminating** requirement that schools with at least 10% free or reduced price eligibility must enroll in **CEP**.

 [HB 367](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 4/21/2017

Relating to donation and distribution of surplus food that would otherwise be **wasted** and providing a grace period for students with **unpaid meal** balances.



[SB 725](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/3/2017

Outlining provisions for the donation of food that would otherwise be **wasted**.

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## VERMONT - IN SESSION

 [HCR 34](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 2/10/2017

A House resolution designating February 8, 2017, as **Farm to School** Awareness Day at the State House.



[S 33](#) ●●●●●●●●●●

Introduced 1/17/2017

Establishing a grant process for the Farm to School program.

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WASHINGTON - ADJOURNED 6/17/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018



[HB1068](#)

[S 5047](#)



Introduced 1/9/2017

Supplemental appropriations bill providing funding for the **elimination of reduced price** meals and expansion of breakfast and summer foods programs among other things.



[HB 1551](#)

[S 5708](#)



Introduced 1/23/2017

The “Apple a Day Act of 2017” establishes a competitive **equipment assistance** grant program. The superintendent must establish a competitive process that includes consultation with a Washing School Nutrition Association representative. Use of proposed equipment will enhance nutrition and improve student access to healthier foods. Funding priority is given to schools with at least fifty percent free or reduced-price eligibility.



[HB 1508](#)



Introduced 1/23/2017

Requiring all schools with seventy percent or free and reduced eligibility must provide **breakfast after the bell**.



[SB 5696](#)



Introduced 2/3/2017

Designating **breakfast after the bell** as instructional time in the classroom.



[HR 4605](#)



Introduced 1/23/2017

House resolution recognizing the importance of combating **childhood hunger** and commending those that contribute to that effort.

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WEST VIRGINIA - ADJOURNED 4/8/2017 - CARRYOVER TO 2018



[HB 2172](#)



Introduced 2/8/2017

Requiring that school nutrition plans include **take home meals** for low income students.