



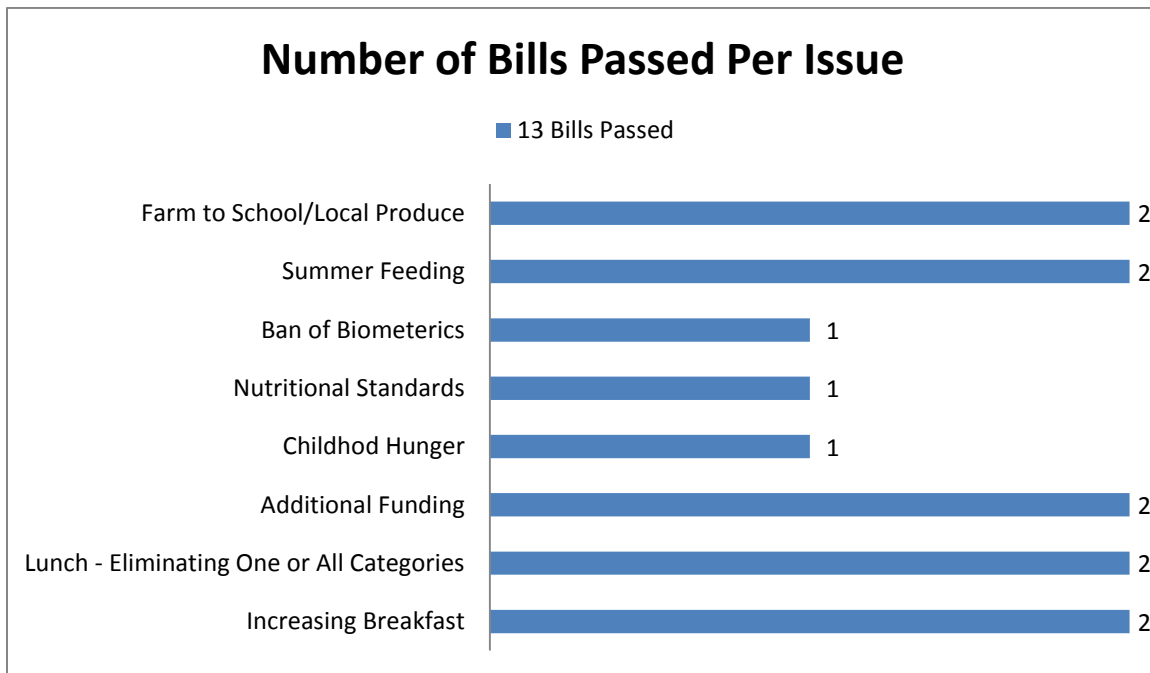
## 2014 State Legislative Summary: January 1 through July 1

The 2014 legislative session across the fifty states was another active one with 63 bills introduced and 13 enacted or vetoed pertaining to new or updated child nutrition policy. For comparison, in 2013, 70 bills were introduced and 19 signed into law. This report does not include appropriations/budget bills that contain annual financial support, unless it pertains to new or updated nutrition policy. Many of the resolutions and bills are budget neutral, but keep the focus on the importance of strengthening school meal programs.

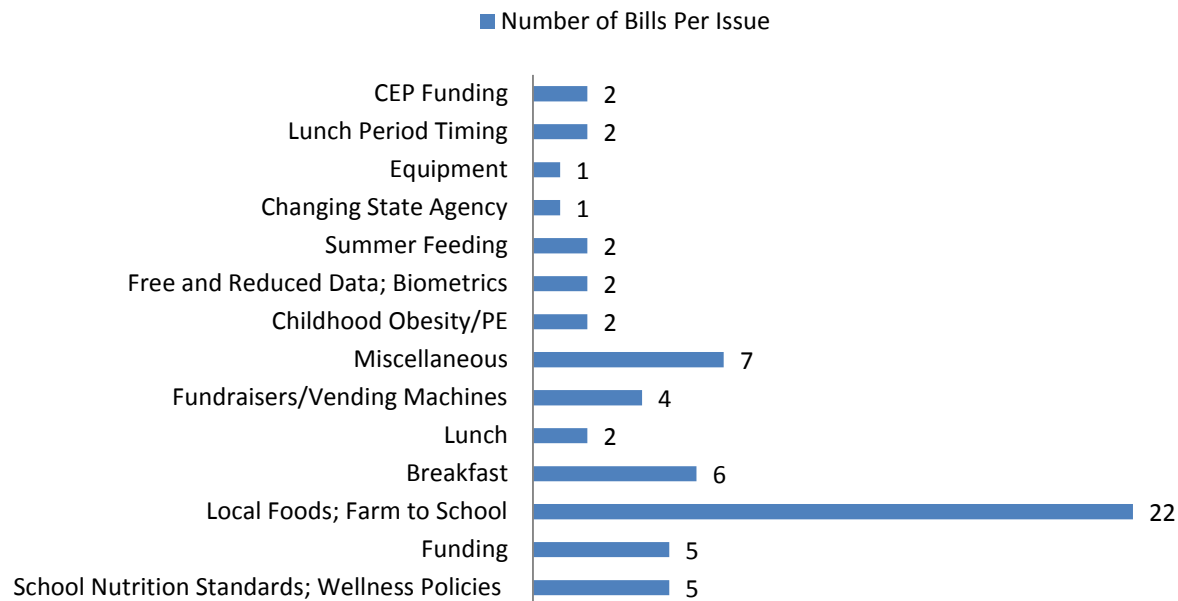
The key points for the majority of the 2014 States' Legislation Session include:

- With 22 bills introduced, Farm to School/Local produce bills were by far the most important issue in 2014.
- Minnesota and Colorado expanded or eliminated the reduced price category by providing additional appropriations.
- Two states passed breakfast legislation – New Mexico via increasing support for breakfast after the bell programs and Minnesota by providing free breakfast to all kindergartners.
- Last year saw multiple bills on Epi pens, but there were none in 2014. Instead, there were two bills that focused on adjusting state funding formulas to address utilizing the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).
- Expansion of summer feeding sites continues to be a focus for many states.

Looking ahead, SNA members can expect many of the 2014 bills reintroduced in 2015. Potential new bills could include breakfast expansion, summer feeding, local produce/Farm to School, and possibly elimination of reduced price category.



## Number of Bills Introduced Per Issue: 63 Total



### Summary of the States

#### **Alabama**

- No legislation introduced or passed on school nutrition policies.

#### **Alaska**

- In the Senate, a bill to provide additional funding for school meals was moved out of the appropriate committee but was not taken up on the Senate floor. It would have provided 15 cents for lunch and 35 cents for breakfast.

#### **Arizona**

- The 2013 bill setting nutritional standards was reintroduced in the Senate but did not make it to a committee hearing.

#### **Arkansas**

- No legislation introduced or passed on school nutrition policies.

#### **California – In session until September 2014**

- A bill on gluten free meals was referred to committee.
- *A joint resolution to encourage USDA to explore regional indexing was passed.*
- A bill on adequate time to eat was referred twice to committee on education.

#### **Colorado**

- *Enacted legislation expanding coverage of reduced price costs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

### **Connecticut**

- *The governor vetoed a bill that would have inadvertently banned chocolate milk in schools.*

### **Delaware**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Florida**

- *Florida passed and the Governor signed into law a bill banning schools from collecting student biometrics, included fingerprints for cafeteria check outs.*

### **Georgia**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Hawaii**

- Hawaii introduced 14 bills on various themes on fresh produce, farm to table, gardens, etc. No bills passed.

### **Idaho**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Illinois**

- *The House and Senate both adopted resolutions on encouraging different breakfast delivery systems, summer feeding, and a strong child nutrition reauthorization.*
- Bills to increase tax on sweetened beverages with funds supporting farm to school programs continues to sit in committee.

### **Indiana**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Iowa**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Kansas**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

### **Kentucky**

- Legislation allowing for breakfast to be served on weather delayed school days was introduced in each Chamber, but sits in committee.

### **Louisiana**

- Introduced resolutions on seat time, encouraging tastier meals, and farm to school programs.
- A bill on setting a threshold for small procurement amounts for nutrition programs was introduced in the Senate and sent to the Education Committee.

### **Maine**

- *The legislature overturned a veto on a bill requiring schools with 50% free or reduced offer a summer feeding program.*
- *The Governor vetoed a bill that would expand local produce in schools.*
- *A bill became law without Governor action that looks at Child Hunger Task Force.*

## **Maryland**

- A bill banning trans-fat in schools was unfavorably reported.
- A bill addressing CEP funding died in committee after a hearing.

## **Massachusetts – In Session until December 31**

- Language on expanding access to healthy options in vending machines was reintroduced.

## **Michigan**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

## **Minnesota**

- *The Governor signed into law a bill that provides funds to cover reduced price lunch category and provide free breakfast to all kindergartners.*
- A bill allowing schools to seek payment for unpaid meals from the Department of Education died in committee.

## **Mississippi**

- A bill requiring schools to serve low fat meals to obese children died in the House.

## **Missouri**

- *The Legislature passed a bill addressing funding for CEP schools was passed and sent to the Governor.*
- *A bill on expanding farm to school was also delivered to the Governor.*

## **Montana**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

## **Nebraska**

- A bill to expand support for school breakfast was postponed.
- A bill to explore new federal options was referred to the House Education Committee.

## **Nevada**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

## **New Hampshire**

- A resolution on founding a farm to school program passed.

## **New Jersey**

- A bill allowing contributions to farm to school programs via tax returns currently sits in the Senate Committee.
- Language expanding the school breakfast program was re-introduced and continues to move through both Chambers.

## **New Mexico**

- *The Governor signed a bill mandating breakfast after the bell and providing appropriations for additional meal costs.*
- A bill requiring utilization of New Mexico produce in school meals passed in the House Finance Committee.

**New York – In session until December 31**

- A bill to increase local produce consumption remains in committee.
- Improving vending machines options in schools was referred to the Senate Education Committee.
- Numerous bills from the previous session were reintroduced, but none moved forward.

**North Carolina**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**North Dakota**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Ohio – In session until December 31**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Oklahoma**

- A bill moving child nutrition programs from Education to the Agriculture Department did not move from the Senate Committee.

**Oregon**

- *A bill providing grants for summer feeding sites became law in March.*

**Pennsylvania – In session until December 31**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Rhode Island**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**South Carolina**

- A bill defining in school fundraisers as a result of Smart Snacks was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

**South Dakota**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Tennessee**

- Legislation simplifying applications for free and reduced students remains in the Education Committee.
- Language to address exempt fundraisers under Smart Snacks was introduced, but did not move forward.

**Texas**

- No regular session in 2014.

**Utah**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Vermont**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Virginia**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.

**Washington**

- A bill providing equipment grants was referred back to the House Rules Committee and died.
- A bill mandating breakfast after the bell died in the House Rules Committee.
- A bill requiring water during lunch was referred to the House Education Committee.

**West Virginia**

- A bill altering the ratio of cooks per meals prepared did not move forward.
- A bill requiring additional physical activity was referred back to the House Committee and did not move forward.

**Wisconsin**

- An amendment to provide additional grants for farm to school failed.
- Language requiring certain certifications for food service workers also failed to pass.

**Wyoming**

- No legislation introduced or passed this session.