

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**S\*0425 (Rat #0039, Act #0023 of 2025) General Bill, By Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine**

**Summary:** School meals for students in poverty

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHESES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS, AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SUSPENDED IF CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING IS SUSPENDED OR DISCONTINUED. - RATIFIED TITLE

03/05/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 19)
03/05/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 19)
03/26/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 16)
04/01/25	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/01/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/01/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/02/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 10)
04/03/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 28)
04/03/25	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 28)
04/29/25	House	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 3)
04/30/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 62)
04/30/25	House	Roll call Yeas-94 Nays-15 (House Journal-page 63)
05/01/25	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 13)
05/06/25		Ratified R 39
05/08/25		Signed By Governor
05/16/25		Effective date 05/08/25
05/16/25		Act No. 23