

## 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

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| 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  |