**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑785 SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE LUNCHES AND STUDENTS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES MUST BE OFFERED THE SAME CHOICE OF MEALS AND MILK OFFERED TO CHILDREN WHO PAY THE FULL PRICE FOR THEIR MEALS OR MILK.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑785. Students determined eligible to receive free lunches and students determined eligible to receive reduced price lunches must be offered the same choice of meals and milk offered to children who pay the full price for their meals or milk, regardless of whether one lunch or type of milk offered meets the requirements prescribed in the National School Lunch Program, found in 7 C.F.R. Part 210, and the Special Milk Program for Children, found in 7 C.F.R. Part 215. The provisions of this section do not prohibit a school from offering an alternate menu item to students who are required to pay full price or a reduced price for lunch but fails to pay as required.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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