

AN ACT

relating to a plan to increase outcomes in the summer food service program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.00291 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.00291. PLAN TO INCREASE OUTCOMES IN SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop a five-year plan in collaboration with Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative and implement no-cost provisions to increase outcomes in the summer food service program under 42 U.S.C. Section 1761. The plan must include:

(1) methods to increase participation by children eligible to receive free or reduced-price school lunches; and

(2) strategies to increase access to summer meals in rural areas for children eligible to receive free or reduced-price school lunches.

(b) In developing the plan, the department shall involve any appropriate department advisory committee that already exists and shall seek the participation of relevant stakeholders.

(c) Not later than November 1, 2014, the department shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and appropriate standing committees of the legislature the plan to be implemented over the next four years.

1 (d) The department may solicit and accept a gift, grant, or
2 donation from any source, including a foundation or private entity,
3 for the development of the plan. The plan may be developed and
4 implemented only if sufficient funds are available under this
5 subsection for that purpose.

6 (e) This section expires September 1, 2018.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 749 was passed by the House on April 18, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 749 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor