

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 3562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after
3 the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by
4 students to purchase meals in public schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 33.908 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.908. GRACE PERIOD POLICY FOR EXHAUSTED OR
9 INSUFFICIENT MEAL CARD OR ACCOUNT BALANCE. A school district that
10 allows students to use a prepaid meal card or account to purchase
11 meals served at the school shall adopt a grace period policy
12 regarding the use of the cards or accounts. The policy:

13 (1) must allow a student whose meal card or account
14 balance is exhausted or insufficient to continue, for a period
15 determined by the district, to purchase meals by:

16 (A) accumulating a negative balance on the
17 student's card or account; or

18 (B) otherwise receiving an extension of credit
19 from the district;

20 (2) must require the district to notify the parent of
21 or person standing in parental relation to the student that the
22 student's meal card or account balance is exhausted; and

23 (3) may not permit the district to charge a fee or
24 interest in connection with meals purchased under Subdivision (1).

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
2 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2015

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

Lacey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

BY:

Jose Rodriguez

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3562 (senate committee report) as
2 follows:

3 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 33.908,
4 Education Code (page 1, between lines 45 and 46),
5 insert the following:

6 (4) may permit the district to set a schedule for repayment
7 on the account balance as part of the notice to the parent
8 or person standing in parental relation to the student.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 26, 2015

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3562** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by students to purchase meals in public schools.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require school districts to adopt a policy to allow for the accumulation of a negative balance or receiving an extension of credit or account balance if a meal card used by students to purchase meals in public schools was exhausted or insufficient. The policy would require notification of the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student that the meal card or account was exhausted and would not permit a fee or interest to be charged.

Local Government Impact

There would be some administrative costs to school districts to track negative balances or extension of credit and potential lost revenue. These amounts would vary from district to district depending on whether the district offered prepaid meal cards or accounts and how many students maintained negative balances or received credit.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

LBB Staff: UP, JBi

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Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2015

TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3562 by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by students to purchase meals in public schools.), **As Engrossed**

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 13, 2015

TO: Honorable Jimmie Don Aycok, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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