

**House Bill 3562**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If

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(4) may permit the district to set a schedule for repayment on the account balance as part of the notice to the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student. [FA1(1)]

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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