



# SB 19 (ESCUZIA): School Nutrition

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## Summary of Provisions

### 1. Sets nutritional standards for foods sold in elementary schools:

- Any snacks sold outside the federal meal program must
  - Have no more than 35% of its calories from fat
  - Have no more than 10% of its calories from saturated fat
  - Be no more than 35% sugar by weight
- The only beverages that may be sold to students are milk, water or juice that is at least 50% fruit juice with no added sweeteners.

### 1. In middle schools carbonated beverages may be sold only after the end of the last lunch period.

### 1. High schools and middle schools may elect to take part in a **pilot program** that implements the nutritional standards for all foods and beverages sold outside the federal meal program.

- They will be eligible for the increased reimbursement rate (#4) and a planning grant (#5)

### 1. The bill **increases the reimbursement rate** for free- and reduced-price meals in elementary and middle schools by 10 cents from the current 13 cents to 23 cents. Meals purchased at full price by children will be reimbursable at a rate of 10 cents per meal.

### 1. Districts with elementary schools, middle schools or high schools participating in the pilot program may apply for **planning grants** to be used for developing other policies related to nutrition and physical activity.

- Funds may be used for costs associated with developing and adopting these policies, including paid release time for teachers and school employees, publication costs, costs associated with holding a public hearing, etc.

## COSTS

- Year 1: \$5 million (grants and technical support)
- Year 2: \$5 million (grants and technical support)
- Year 3: \$30 million (one-half year of increased reimbursement rates)
- Year 4 and ongoing: \$60 million for increased reimbursement rates.

## NOTE:

- ◆ SB 19 does NOT restrict food services on high schools, unless they volunteer for the pilot.
  - ◆ SB 19 does NOT restrict the sale of candy for fundraisers when those sales take place at home or in the community.
  - ◆ SB 19 does NOT prohibit the sale of sodas in middle schools. It allows such sales after the end of the last lunch period.
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