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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the *****

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act encouraging increased participation in the school breakfast program by appropriating money to make grants to schools that start a breakfast program and to pay the reduced-price costs of breakfasts served to qualifying students at no cost; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Grants to support new school breakfast programs.** (1) There is appropriated \$20,000 from the state general fund to the office of public instruction in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, to make grants to school food authorities as provided in this section.

(2) (a) Subject to available funding, the office of public instruction shall grant \$500 to a school food authority for each school within the authority that applies for a grant to begin operating a school breakfast program in accordance with the guidelines established by the food and nutrition service of the U.S. department of agriculture.

(b) A school food authority requesting a grant shall provide proof that the school for which the grant is sought has not participated in the school breakfast program in the previous school year.

(3) (a) The office of public instruction shall establish:
(i) grant application procedures and deadlines; and
(ii) a method for ranking grant applications if the amount of grant funds requested exceeds the appropriation.

(b) The office of public instruction shall notify school food authorities of the procedures established under this subsection (3) at least 30 days before the office begins accepting grant applications.

(4) The office of public instruction shall award grants no later than October 15 of each year of the biennium.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Reimbursement to school food authorities that offer free breakfast to certain students. (1)

There is appropriated \$150,000 from the state general fund to the office of public instruction in each year of the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, to reimburse school food authorities for the cost of reduced-price meals served in a school breakfast program that:

(a) is operating in accordance with guidelines established by the food and nutrition service of the U.S. department of agriculture; and

(b) provides breakfast at no cost to children who qualify for reduced-price meals under federal guidelines.

(2) Subject to available funding, the office of public instruction shall pay a school food authority 30 cents for each school breakfast served in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1).

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(3) The office of public instruction shall establish procedures for:

(a) verifying the number of reduced-price breakfasts served by each school food authority;

(b) verifying that the breakfasts were served at no cost to the qualifying student; and

(c) the frequency with which payments will be made to school food authorities.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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