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S.F. No. 123 – School Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

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Section 1. **School lunch aid amounts.** (a) Requires a Minnesota participant in the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program to provide a free federally reimbursable lunch to all students every school day. Requires participants that meet a federally determined threshold of Identified Students for all meals to be reimbursed at the free rate to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision.

(b) Requires the Department of Education to provide schools with funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement and the average cost of a school meal.

Section 2. **No fees.** Prohibits a school lunch participant school from denying a student or charging a student for a school lunch.

Section 3. **Purpose.** Requires a Minnesota participant in the United States Department of Agriculture National School Breakfast Program to provide a free federally reimbursable breakfast to all students every school day.

Section 4. **Program reimbursement.** Requires the Department of Education to provide schools with funding equal to the difference between the federal reimbursement and the average cost of a school breakfast.

Section 5. **No fees.** Requires a school breakfast program participant school to provide a free breakfast to prekindergarten students and an early childhood special education student in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program.