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ARTICLE 28

RELATING TO EDUCATION

SECTION 1. Section 16-8-10.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-8 entitled "Federal Aid" is hereby amended to read as follows:

16-8-10.1. Mandatory school breakfast programs. -- (a) All public schools shall make a breakfast program available to students attending the school. The breakfast meal shall meet any rules and regulations that are adopted by the commissioner.

(b) The state of Rhode Island ~~shall~~ may provide school districts a per breakfast subsidy for each breakfast served to students. The general assembly ~~shall~~ may choose to annually appropriate some sum and distribute it based on each district's proportion of the number of breakfasts served in the prior school year relative to the statewide total in the same year. This subsidy , if appropriated, shall augment the nonprofit school food service account and be used for expenses incurred in providing nutritious breakfast meals to students.

SECTION 2. Section 16-23-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-23 entitled "Textbooks" is hereby repealed.

~~**16-23-3.1. Reimbursements to municipalities for costs of English/language arts and history/social studies textbooks for students in grades K-12.** --There is hereby established a textbook reimbursement fund for which the general assembly shall make a specific appropriation. The department of elementary and secondary education shall administer the appropriation. School districts shall submit to the department of elementary and secondary education evidence of the cost of English/language arts and/or history/social studies textbooks that the district has provided to students in grades K-12 pursuant to § 16-23-2. The costs shall be reimbursed from the textbook reimbursement fund by the department of elementary and secondary education upon presentation by a school district of the evidence of cost.~~

SECTION 3. This article shall take effect as of July 1, 2014.