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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STUDENT MEALS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-404, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§302A-404 School meals. (a) School meals shall be made  
4 available under the school meals program in every school where  
5 the students are required to eat meals at school.

6 (b) No student shall be denied a meal solely for failure  
7 to pay:

8 (1) Within the first thirty days of a semester while the  
9 student's application for free or reduced lunch is  
10 being processed; or

11 (2) Within one week following a student's meal fund  
12 account reaching a zero or negative balance.

13 (c) The department may adopt rules or policies governing  
14 the collection of funds for student meal accounts with a  
15 negative fund balance; provided that no rule or policy shall  
16 prohibit feeding a student as required pursuant to subsection  
17 (b)."



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1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Meals; Students

**Description:**

Prohibits denying a student a meal for the first: (1) thirty days of a semester while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed; or (2) week the student's meal fund balance is zero or negative. Authorizes DOE to adopt rules or policies on the collection of funds for negative student meal balances.

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