

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1819**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano**

February 21, 2012

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An act to amend Section 49557 of the Education Code, relating to school meals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1819, as introduced, Ammiano. School meals: free or reduced-priced meals.

Existing law requires each school district and county superintendent of schools maintaining kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to provide for each needy pupil one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each schoolday. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district and the county superintendent of schools to make applications for free or reduced-price meals available to students at all times during each regular schoolday. Existing law also requires the governing board of each school district and county superintendent of schools to formulate a plan that, among other things, will ensure that children eligible to receive free or reduced-priced meals and milk shall not be treated differently than other children.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these 2 latter provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 49557 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 49557. (a) (1) The governing board of a school district and  
4 the county superintendent of schools shall make applications for  
5 free or ~~reduced-price~~ *reduced-price* meals available to ~~students~~  
6 *pupils* at all times during each regular schoolday. The application  
7 shall contain, in at least 8-point boldface type, each of the following  
8 statements:

9 (1)

10 (A) Applications for free and ~~reduced-price~~ *reduced-price* meals  
11 may be submitted at any time during a schoolday.

12 (2)

13 (B) Children participating in the National School Lunch Program  
14 will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special  
15 tickets, special serving lines, separate entrances, separate dining  
16 areas, or by any other means.

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18 (2) A school district and the county superintendent of schools  
19 shall use all other applications it has for free or ~~reduced-price~~  
20 *reduced-price* meals before utilizing the applications pursuant to  
21 this subdivision.

22 (b) The governing board of each school district and each county  
23 superintendent of schools shall formulate a plan, which shall be  
24 mailed to the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department* for its  
25 approval, that will ensure that children eligible to receive free or  
26 ~~reduced-priced~~ *reduced-price* meals and milk shall not be treated  
27 differently from other children. These plans shall ensure each of  
28 the following:

29 (1) Unless otherwise specified, the names of the children shall  
30 not be published, posted, or announced in any manner, or used for  
31 any other purpose other than the National School Lunch Program.

32 (2) There shall be no overt identification of any of the children  
33 by the use of special tokens or tickets or by any other means.

34 (3) The children shall not be required to work for their meals  
35 or milk.

36 (4) The children shall not be required to use a separate dining  
37 area, go through a separate serving line, enter the dining area

1 through a separate entrance, or consume their meals or milk at a  
2 different time.  
3 (c) When more than one lunch or breakfast or type of milk is  
4 offered pursuant to this article, the children shall have the same  
5 choice of meals or milk that is available to those children who pay  
6 the full price for their meal or milk.

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