
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 81
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Introduced: 3/2/22
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: School Breakfast Week

SOURCE: No Kid Hungry California

DIGEST: This resolution proclaims March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week and recognizes the importance of school nutrition programs and school nutrition staff in addressing the needs of the state’s pupils.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) “National School Breakfast Week” is observed annually to promote the importance of a nutritious breakfast to pupil health and learning, and to recognize the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of children across the United States.
- 2) An estimated one in six children in the state live in food insecure households, meaning that they do not have consistent access to adequate food for an active and healthy life.
- 3) Eating school breakfast helps pupils excel academically and supports their ability to learn and perform, such as with better test scores, improved concentration, and fewer class disruptions.
- 4) School breakfast participation also helps improve pupils’ overall diet, builds healthy and lifelong eating habits, improves food security, and advances child health and well-being.
- 5) The Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom recognized the critical need to ensure healthy meals for all California pupils and enacted the Free School Meals for All Act of 2021 so all pupils will have access to free school meals, including breakfast, beginning in the 2022–23 school year.

This resolution:

- 1) Proclaims March 7, 2022, to March 11, 2022, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week.
- 2) Recognizes the critical role of the federal School Breakfast Program in meeting the nutritional needs of pupils, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3) Recognizes the invaluable service of school nutrition staff who work tirelessly to administer the federal School Breakfast Program, even amidst unprecedented challenges.

Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 38 (Blanca Rubio, Resolution Chapter 18, Statutes of 2021) proclaimed March 8, 2021, to March 12, 2021, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week.

ACR 178 (Blanca Rubio, Resolution Chapter 29, Statutes of 2020) proclaimed March 2, 2020, to March 6, 2020, inclusive, as School Breakfast Week.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/8/22)

No Kid Hungry California (source)

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/8/22)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: According to the sponsor, No Kid Hungry California:

In serving the needs of our communities, we have seen first-hand the positive effect of school breakfast programs. We are all painfully aware of the great trauma and learning loss school age children have suffered during the pandemic. Such trauma and learning loss should never be exacerbated by hunger; and, because of school breakfast programs we know that many children in California were saved from this one additional trauma.

There is a direct correlation between regular access to nutritious food and successful education outcomes. We must continue to prioritize children having regular access to free and nutritious food at school. This Senate Resolution

recognizes the important role school breakfast programs play in the life of school-age children.

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