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Introduced by Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Ancel of Calais,  
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Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock,  
Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas  
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South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier,  
Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of  
Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of  
Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Martin of  
Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford,  
McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of  
Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury,  
O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of  
Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of  
South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington,  
Russell of Rutland City, Sharpe of Bristol, South of St.  
Johnsbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro,  
Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro,  
Townsend of South Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford,

1                   Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of  
2                   Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington,  
3                   Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of  
4                   Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

5       Referred to Committee on

6       Date:

7       Subject: Child nutrition; school lunch program

8       Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to use state  
9       funds to pay an eligible student's portion of a reduced-price school lunch.

10           An act relating to providing state financial support for school meals for  
11           children of low-income households

12       It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13       Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1262a is amended to read:

14       § 1262a. AWARD OF GRANTS

15           (a)(1) The ~~state board of education~~ State Board may, from funds  
16       appropriated for this subsection to the ~~department of education~~ Agency, award  
17       grants to:

18           (A) supervisory unions for the use of member school boards that  
19       establish and operate food programs;

1 (B) independent school boards that establish and operate food  
2 programs; and

3 (C) approved education programs, as defined in subdivision  
4 11(a)(34) of this title and operating under private nonprofit ownership as  
5 defined in the National School Lunch Act, that establish and operate food  
6 programs for students engaged in a teen parent education program or students  
7 enrolled in a Vermont public school.

8 (2) The amount of any grant awarded under this subsection shall not be  
9 more than the amount necessary, in addition to ~~the charge made for the meal~~  
10 ~~and~~ any reimbursement from federal funds, to pay the actual cost of the meal.

11 (b) The ~~state board~~ State Board may, from funds available to the  
12 ~~department of education~~ Agency for this subsection, award grants to  
13 supervisory unions consisting of one or more school districts that need to  
14 initiate or expand food programs in order to meet the requirements of section  
15 1264 of this title and that seek assistance in meeting the cost of initiation or  
16 expansion. The amount of the grants shall be limited to 75 percent of the cost  
17 deemed necessary by the ~~commissioner~~ Secretary to construct, renovate, or  
18 acquire additional facilities and equipment to provide lunches to all ~~pupils~~  
19 students, and shall be reduced by the amount of funds available from federal or  
20 other sources, including those funds available under section 3448 of this title.  
21 The ~~state board~~ State Board, upon recommendation of the ~~commissioner~~

1 Secretary, shall direct supervisory unions seeking grants under this section to  
2 share facilities and equipment within the supervisory union and with other  
3 supervisory unions for the provision of lunches wherever more efficient and  
4 effective operation of food programs can be expected to result.

5 (c) On a quarterly basis, from state funds appropriated to the ~~department of~~  
6 ~~education~~ Agency for this subsection, the ~~state board~~ State Board shall award  
7 to each supervisory union, independent school board, and approved education  
8 program as described in subsection (a) of this section a sum equal to the  
9 amount that would have been the student share of the cost of all breakfasts and  
10 lunches actually provided in the district during the previous quarter to students  
11 eligible for a ~~reduced-price~~ reduced-price breakfast under the federal school  
12 breakfast program and students eligible for a reduced-price lunch under the  
13 federal school lunch program.

14 Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1264(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) The state shall be responsible for the student share of the cost of  
16 breakfasts provided to all students eligible for a ~~reduced-price~~ reduced-price  
17 breakfast under the federal school breakfast program and for the student share  
18 of the cost of lunches provided to all students eligible for a reduced-price lunch  
19 under the federal school lunch program.

1       Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION

2           The sum of \$322,250.00 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year  
3           2014 to the Agency of Education for the student share of the cost of lunches  
4           provided to all students eligible for a reduced-price lunch under the federal  
5           school lunch program.

6       Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

7           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.