

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding public school  
2 nutritional resources.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PUBLIC SCHOOL NUTRITIONAL**  
5 **RESOURCES.**

- 6 1. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying public  
7 school nutritional resources, including the potential options of providing breakfast or  
8 lunch, free of charge, for all public school students. The study must include:
- 9 a. An evaluation of the usage, participation, and effectiveness of the federal free  
10 and reduced lunch program for students attending public schools in the state;
  - 11 b. A review of the cost of living, income and poverty guidelines across districts and  
12 regions of the state, and other factors the legislative management deems  
13 appropriate;
  - 14 c. A comparison of North Dakota laws and other state laws regarding school  
15 nutritional services and funding;
  - 16 d. A review of the potential to use local and state products in school lunch programs  
17 and public-private partnerships; and
  - 18 e. A review of the stigma associated with participating in the free and reduced lunch  
19 program and investigate opportunities to address hunger and food insecurity of  
20 students attending public school in the state.
- 21 2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together  
22 with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth  
23 legislative assembly.