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**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a local education agency (LEA) from using any portion of the state funds received through the Basic Education Program for contracting with a private, third-party vendor for the provision of meals or services to students enrolled in each of the LEA's public schools. Authorizes an LEA to contract with a private, third party vendor for vending machines or for the provision of school security or other educational or health-related services provided by licensed professionals. Encourages LEAs and public schools that receive state funding through the BEP to directly employ the staff necessary to provide meals and services to students enrolled in each of the LEA's public schools. Prohibits an LEA or public school from requiring teachers to pay any of the costs associated with professional development or in-service training required by the LEA or public school.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown variables, the precise increase in local expenditures cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will require LEAs to directly, rather than through the use of private vendors, provide meals and services to their students.
- DOE does not maintain data on the number of schools that use private vendors to provide meals and services to their students.
- It is assumed that if schools that are currently using private vendors and are forced to directly provide meals and services, then some schools may incur significantly greater costs.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, including the amount of staff, equipment, and space that may be required to adequately prepare and serve food in a cafeteria for varying school sizes, the precise increase in local expenditures for LEAs cannot be reasonably determined.
- It is unknown if any schools or LEAs currently require teachers to pay any of the costs associated with professional development or in-service training; however, it is assumed that this is not a common practice, and therefore, any impact to local government is considered not significant.
- No significant impact to the Department of Education or the Basic Education Program.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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