

CHAPTER 384

(Senate Bill 744)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement Pilot In-Classroom  
~~In-Classroom~~ Breakfast Program

FOR the purpose of establishing a pilot program for certain schools to provide a school breakfast for all students who attend the school, regardless of the economic status of the students; requiring the State Department of Education, the county boards of education or sponsoring agencies, and schools that ~~wish to participate in the pilot program to perform certain duties; setting a threshold level of income for participation in certain schools; authorizing certain business entities to receive a State income tax credit for certain contributions made to a school under the pilot program; requiring the State Comptroller and the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations;~~ providing a termination date for this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to school breakfast programs in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Education  
Section 1-101(d) and (f) and 7-701 through 7-703  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - Education  
Section 7-704  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

~~BY adding to  
Article Tax General  
Section 10-712  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, During the last 5 years in the public schools the number of students eligible to receive free and reduced price meals has increased by 25%, while student enrollment has increased by only 11%; and

WHEREAS, Research indicates that most children either do not eat breakfast or do not eat an adequately nutritious breakfast; and