

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Number: SB42

Patron: Roem

Bill Title: School boards; powers and duties, school meal policies, payment of school meal debt.

Bill Summary: Requires each school board, at the end of each school year, to pay for the total unpaid school meal balance on the nonprofit school food service account of each public elementary or secondary school in the school division resulting from uncollectable school meal debts on any student account using any appropriated nonfederal funds, except that each school board is prohibited from requiring any public elementary or secondary school in the school division from paying for or providing any funding to pay for such school's unpaid school meal balance. The bill requires each school board to adopt policies in accordance with the provisions of the bill in order to pay these unpaid balances at the end of each school year.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill requires local school divisions to pay for unpaid school meal debt at the end of each school year. There is no anticipated state fiscal impact. Any impact to local school divisions to cover the cost of unpaid school meal balances is indeterminate.

Other: None