



 <b>ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT Legislative Bill</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY Bill # 6</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: B</b>						
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- 1 Anxiety, depression, aggression, tardiness, and poor exam results have been attributed to food  
2 insecurity. It also damages early health and brain development in younger children. New York  
3 State ranks 32nd in school system quality in the United States. Test scores of food insecure  
4 students are significantly lower. Children with insufficient meals are 3.5 times more likely to be  
5 overweight. This is undoubtedly a contributing factor to America’s obesity rate. Our country ranks  
6 ninth in obesity. 23.9% of New York citizens are obese. With proper nutrition, we possess the  
7 ability to reduce this number significantly.
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- 9 **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The SNACpack program centered in the Saratoga Springs School District  
10 calculates the cost to provide six complete meals to be \$13. All districts will be mandated to  
11 include this program in their budget plans. In doing so, extracurricular activities and technological  
12 advances may be eliminated or reduced. However, these luxuries are insignificant contrasted to  
13 the learning impairment presented by hunger. It is senseless to expend funding on enriched  
14 education when hungry students do not receive fundamental knowledge.
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- 16 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill shall go into effect immediately following its passage.