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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 2

Bill #:AL-09

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3 **An Act To**

4 Amend section 94 of the New York State Social Service Law by adding subsection 5
5 to have free or reduced meals for all eligible students attending a public college in
6 New York

7 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

8 **Purpose**

9 The purpose of the bill is to make it easier for students that attend public college by
10 making it cheaper for them to get meals.

11 **Summary of Provisions**

12 **Section 1: Definitions**

13 **Eligible:** Having the right to do or obtain something.

14 **Participate:** to take part in an activity.

15 **Section 2:**

16 § 94. Federal donated commodities. 1. (a) Until his social services
17 district has been included in the food stamp distribution program or
18 programs under section ninety-five, each commissioner of social services
19 is authorized and required, in accordance with regulations of the
20 department, to assist needy families and individuals of his social
21 services district to obtain federal donated commodities for their use,
22 by certifying, when such is the case, that they are eligible to receive
23 such commodities, and by distributing such commodities to eligible
24 families and individuals. However, only those who are receiving or are
25 eligible for public assistance or care and such others as may qualify in
26 accordance with federal requirements and standards promulgated by the
27 department shall be certified as eligible to receive such commodities.

28 (b) Each commissioner of social services shall develop and submit to
29 the department for its approval a plan describing his district's
30 operations under this section, which plan shall accord with federal and
31 state requirements.

32 2. Federal donated commodities shall not be deemed or construed to be
33 public assistance and care or a substitute, in whole or in part,
34 therefor; and the receipt of such commodities by eligible families and
35 individuals shall not subject them, their legally responsible relatives,
36 their property or their estates to any demand, claim or liability on
37 account thereof.

38 3. A person's need or eligibility for public assistance or care shall
39 not be affected by his receipt of federal donated commodities.

40 4. Any inconsistent provisions of law notwithstanding, expenditures
41 made by social services districts for the purpose of certifying



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42 eligibility of needy families and individuals for federal donated
43 commodities and for distributing such commodities to them shall be
44 deemed to be expenditures for the administration of public assistance
45 and care and shall be subject to reimbursement by the state in
46 accordance with the provisions of section one hundred fifty-three to the
47 extent of one hundred percentum thereof.

48 5. An act to add section 5 of the New York State Social Service Law by adding to
49 have free or reduced meals for all eligible students attending a public college in
50 New York. (a). The student will be eligible for free or reduced meals by how much
51 income the family makes.

52 (i)The students will be determined eligible through the same chart the public
53 schools already use.

54 (ii)The students must go through the eligibility chart again whether they were
55 eligible in high school. Students from families with a household income of \$70,000
56 a year are eligible for reduced lunch.

57 (iii)The reduced percent for meals will be estimated around 84% of the annual price
58 of the meal plan for a year

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60 **Justification**

61 According to market watch 45% of college students struggled to feed themselves
62 last year. Within America, New York is the 6th most expensive state to go to college.
63 To decrease this percent, this bill will, make it so the students can have free or
64 reduced meals.

65 **Fiscal Implications**

66 The cost of this program will be paid for by the taxpayers of New York at a rate of only \$1.10 a
67 month.

68 **Effective Date**

69 The upcoming school year after passage.