

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris H.B. No. 3562  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
 1-4 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Education; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 2, 1 present not voting; May 13, 2015, sent to  
 1-7 printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-10 Lucio	X			
1-11 Bettencourt				X
1-12 Campbell	X			
1-13 Garcia	X			
1-14 Huffines		X		
1-15 Kolthorst	X			
1-16 Rodríguez	X			
1-17 Seliger	X			
1-18 Taylor of Collin		X		
1-19 West	X			

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after  
 1-24 the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by  
 1-25 students to purchase meals in public schools.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
 1-28 amended by adding Section 33.908 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 33.908. GRACE PERIOD POLICY FOR EXHAUSTED OR  
 1-30 INSUFFICIENT MEAL CARD OR ACCOUNT BALANCE. A school district that  
 1-31 allows students to use a prepaid meal card or account to purchase  
 1-32 meals served at the school shall adopt a grace period policy  
 1-33 regarding the use of the cards or accounts. The policy:

1-34 (1) must allow a student whose meal card or account  
 1-35 balance is exhausted or insufficient to continue, for a period  
 1-36 determined by the district, to purchase meals by:

1-37 (A) accumulating a negative balance on the  
 1-38 student's card or account; or

1-39 (B) otherwise receiving an extension of credit  
 1-40 from the district;

1-41 (2) must require the district to notify the parent of  
 1-42 or person standing in parental relation to the student that the  
 1-43 student's meal card or account balance is exhausted; and

1-44 (3) may not permit the district to charge a fee or  
 1-45 interest in connection with meals purchased under Subdivision (1).

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
 1-47 school year.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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