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						FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25		
CA	A.B.130	7/9/21	Yes ⁵ (Public K-12, Charter)	Yes	Ongoing Budget Authority	-	-	-	-	-	\$650 (total ongoing funds to implement starting SY22-23)	\$1,647 ⁶ (appropriation)	-	-	-\$150m nutrition training & kitchen infrastructure	No
CO	H.B.22-1414	12/27/22 ⁷	Yes – for schools opting in to HSM4A (Public)	Yes	Subject to Available Appropriations	\$0.212	\$115.5	\$71.5-\$101.5	\$71.5-\$101.5	Fiscal Note	-	\$115.3 ⁸ (appropriation)	-	-	-Up to \$9.5m for local food purchasing grants -\$7.6m for employee wages -\$400,000 for program audit	Yes
MA	H.5050	8/2/22	No	No	One-Year Appropriation	N/A	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	\$110 (appropriation)	N/A	N/A	-	No
	H.4040	8/9/23	Yes	Yes ⁹	One-Year Appropriation	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	\$171.5 (appropriation)	N/A	-	
ME	H.P.156-L.D.221	7/1/21	Yes (Public)	Yes	Ongoing Budget Authority	\$34.0	\$34.0	\$34.0	-	Fiscal Note	\$27 ¹⁰ (appropriation)	\$28.9 ¹¹ (appropriation)	\$28.9 (appropriation)	-	-	Yes
	H.P1544-L.D.2041	5/12/22	Yes (Some Private)	No		\$0.5	-	-	-	Fiscal Note	\$0.5	-	-	-	-	
MI	S.B.0173	7/20/2023	Yes – Contingent on Funding (Public, PreK-12)	Yes	One-Year Appropriation	\$2.5	\$160	N/A	N/A	Fiscal Note	\$2.5	\$160	N/A	N/A	-Up to \$2.5m for meal debt forgiveness	No
MN	H.F.5	3/18/23	Yes – for schools opting in to HSM4A ¹² (Public, Private, Charter)	Yes	Two-Year Appropriation	N/A	N/A	\$190.1	\$197.5	Fiscal Note	N/A	N/A	\$216.8 ¹³ (appropriation)	\$224.7 (appropriation)	-	Yes
NM	S.B.4	7/1/23	Yes (Public, Charter)	Yes	Subject to Available Appropriations	N/A	N/A	\$29.2-40.2	\$29.2-40.2	Fiscal Note	N/A	N/A	\$22.6 ¹⁴ (appropriation)	-	-Local foods incentive – greater of \$1,000 or \$0.10*# of qualifying lunches; ≥75% for unprocessed/minimally processed products;	Yes

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NV ¹⁵	Finance Cmte Hearing	6/21/22 12/15/22	No	No	Obligated ARPA Funds	\$75.9 <i>(initial request)</i>	\$52.8	-	-	-	\$75.9 <i>(Initial request)</i> \$51.2 <i>(spent)</i>	\$28.2 <i>(Supplement to initial request)</i>	N/A	N/A	-	No
VT	S.100	7/1/22	Yes <i>(Public, Approved Independent)</i>	Yes	One-Year Appropriation	N/A	\$29	\$37	-	Fiscal Note	N/A	\$29	N/A	N/A	-	Yes
	H.165	7/1/23	Yes <i>(Public, Approved Independent)</i>	Yes	One-Year Appropriation	N/A	N/A	\$29	-	Fiscal Note	N/A	N/A	\$29	N/A	-Local foods incentive grant of \$0.15-0.25 per reimbursable lunch for eligible entity based on percentage of locally produced food	Yes
WA	H.B.1238	7/23/23	Yes <i>(Public, K-4th grade, ≥30% F/RP)¹⁶</i>	Yes	Contingent on Specific Appropriation (i.e. null and void clause)	N/A	N/A	\$7.43 ¹⁷	\$16 <i>(& each yr. thereafter)</i>	Fiscal Note	N/A	N/A	\$7.43 ¹⁸	-	-	Yes

¹ Legislation includes a requirement that schools/districts make breakfast and lunch available to all students at no cost.

² Legislation includes requirement that schools/districts adopt CEP, if eligible, and/or to maximize federal reimbursement/participation in CEP, including as a condition for receiving state funds.

³ Note: funding to implement HSM4A is sometimes appropriated through a budget/appropriations bill that is separate from authorizing legislation that establishes a HSM4A program or no-cost meal service requirement.

⁴ ERP: Eliminate reduced-price (i.e. eliminated co-payments for students eligible for reduced-price meals)

⁵ Applies regardless of whether a school district participates in NSLP or SBP. However, NSLP and SBP participation is required for state reimbursement. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/documents/umpfinalguidelines.docx>

⁶ Amount for "Child Nutrition Programs" included in Budget Act of 2023 ([SB 101](#)), part of which supports reimbursement for HSM4A.

⁷ Upon proclamation by the Governor.

⁸ Appropriated via [S.B.23-221](#).

⁹ In 2021, MA enacted H.3999, which requires districts/schools with an ISP of 60% or more to elect CEP, and individual schools with an ISP of 50% or greater to elect CEP, with exceptions.

¹⁰ Appropriated via [H.P.1482-L.D.1995](#).

¹¹ Appropriated via [H.P.257-L.D.424](#).

¹² Not a pure opt-in structure. Schools that participate in NSLP must also participate in the free school meals program, which in turn requires a school to participate in SBP.

¹³ Appropriated via [H.F.2497](#).

¹⁴ Appropriated via [H.B.2](#).

¹⁵ Obligated unspent funds, which did not require passage of legislation.

¹⁶ Schools with ≥40% of students who qualify for free and reduced-price (F/RP) meals for SY23-24 only, and ≥30% for SY24-25 and thereafter.

¹⁷ Projected cost for meal reimbursements. Projected cost of original bill that included all schools was \$197.1 million.

¹⁸ Appropriated via [S.B.5187](#).