

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding breakfast after the bell.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Suffolk

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act regarding breakfast after the bell.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1C of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 A public elementary or secondary school that is required to serve breakfast
5 under the second paragraph of this section, where not less than 60 percent of the students at the
6 school are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch
7 Program, as determined by the department, shall offer all students a school breakfast after the
8 beginning of the instructional day. A school subject to this paragraph may use the breakfast
9 service model that best suits its students in accordance with this section and the department’s
10 guidelines including, but not limited to: breakfast in the classroom, grab and go breakfast or
11 second chance breakfast. The department may promulgate regulations to implement this
12 paragraph and may consult with nonprofit organizations with experience regarding equity, the
13 opportunity gap, hunger and food security issues, and best practices for improving student access

14 to school breakfast. The department shall annually: (i) collect information about availability and
15 participation rates of students who partake in a school breakfast after the beginning of the
16 instructional day under this paragraph at each school; and (ii) make the information publicly
17 available on its website not later than July 1.

18 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall, not
19 later than August 1, 2019, develop and distribute a schedule for districts to begin implementing
20 the breakfast after the beginning of the instructional day program established in section 1C of
21 chapter 69 of the General Laws. Not later than December 31, 2020, the department shall review
22 all schools where not less than 60 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals
23 under the federal National School Lunch Program and shall ensure full implementation of the
24 breakfast after the beginning of the instructional day program established in said section 1C of
25 said chapter 69 at all such schools not later than the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.

26 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2019.