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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "school food service employee" means an individual employed
3 by or pursuant to a contract with a local or regional board of education
4 who engages in the preparation or service of school meals for student
5 consumption in a school.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Public Health,
7 in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
8 Services and the Department of Education, shall (1) develop guidelines
9 and best practices for school food service employees to interact and
10 converse with students in ways that are sensitive to the prevalence of
11 eating disorders among children, and (2) post such guidelines and best
12 practices on the Department of Public Health's Internet web site. The
13 Department of Public Health shall update such guidelines and best
14 practices as it deems necessary.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the school year commencing

16 July 1, 2024, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional
17 board of education shall annually provide a copy of the guidelines and
18 best practices described in section 1 of this act to each school food service
19 employee employed by or pursuant to a contract with such board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the Department of Public Health to develop certain guidelines and best practices for school food service employees, and (2) local and regional boards of education to provide such guidelines and best practices to school food service employees annually.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]