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S 273. SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM FUNDS. Filed 2/23/09. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS OPERATING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT NUTRITION STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Appropriates \$20 million for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction. Directs that the funds be used by public school child nutrition programs to (1) implement the nutrition standards adopted by the State Board of Education for elementary schools and (2) improve the overall operation of the child nutrition program. Provides that the funds be disbursed on a monthly basis through the Child Nutrition Technology System to each local school administrative unit based on the number of reimbursable meals served to elementary school students. Directs that the funds may not be used for any purpose other than the child nutrition program. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Swindell.

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