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# IN SENATE

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January 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a farm-to-school food service reimbursement program

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Section 3641 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

**18. Farm-to-school food service reimbursement program. For the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter, the commissioner shall reimburse districts with school food service programs an additional twenty-five cents per school lunch meal in excess of federal and state rates of reimbursement, provided that such districts have purchased at least thirty percent of their total food products, including both dairy and non-dairy products, for their food service programs from New York state farmers, growers, producers or processors, based upon the number of federally reimbursable meals served to students under such program agreements entered into by the commissioner and such districts.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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