S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

9379

I N A S S E M B L Y

February 29, 2016

Introduced by M. of A. RUSSELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the reimbursement of schools for purchasing New York farm products

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 16 of the agriculture and markets law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5-c to read as follows:

5-C. THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL REIMBURSE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS AT AN ADDITIONAL RATE BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE THAT NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS CONSTITUTE OF EACH PROGRAM'S FOOD PURCHASES IN A SCHOOL YEAR. SCHOOLS FOR WHICH NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS CONSTITUTE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE REIMBURSED AN ADDITIONAL FIVE CENTS PER MEAL; SCHOOLS FOR WHICH NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS CONSTITUTE AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE REIMBURSED AN ADDITIONAL TEN CENTS PER MEAL; SCHOOLS FOR WHICH NEW YORK FARM PRODUCTS CONSTITUTE AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF FOOD PURCHASES WILL BE REIMBURSED AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER MEAL.

THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH AN APPROVED VENDOR LIST. SCHOOLS SHALL VERIFY AND SUBMIT THEIR PERCENTAGE OF NEW YORK FARM PURCHASES TO THE DEPARTMENT PER THE REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO REIMBURSEMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD13910-01-6