STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 25, 2021

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting schools or school districts from filing a lawsuit against a student's parent or guardian for unpaid meal fees

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

Section 1. Paragraph iv of subdivision e of section 908 of the education law, as added by section 1 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

iv. take any action directed at a pupil to collect unpaid school meal fees. A school or school district may attempt to collect unpaid school meal fees from a **student's** parent or guardian, but shall not use a debt collector, as defined in section eight hundred three of the federal consumer credit protection act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1692a **or file a lawsuit against such student's parent or guardian**; or

§ 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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