

Our Legislative Priorities



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2019 Priorities

An Act Regarding Breakfast After the Bell

S.267, H.591

This act will improve access to healthy school meals by requiring schools, with at least 60% of their students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals, to serve breakfast after the start of the school day. In doing so, school breakfast access and participation will increase for nearly 150,000 kids in high-poverty schools.

An Act to an Agricultural Healthy Incentives Program

S.48, H.145

The Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) doubles SNAP recipients' benefits spent on produce purchases from farmers, both improving community health outcomes and increasing local farms' sales. This act seeks to establish HIP as a permanent program, so that its long-term sustainability is less dependent on the annual budget process.

An Act to Promote Student Nutrition

S.256, H.585

This act will increase student access to school meals by eliminating reduced-price fees, mandate schools with higher levels of need to consider universal free meals, enhance efforts to certify eligible students for free or reduced-price meals, and limit policies that unintentionally shame a child for their inability to pay.

An Act Improving Public Health Through a Common Application for Core Safety Net Programs

S.678, H.1173

To ensure efficiency and increase program access for SNAP-eligible individuals and families, this act will develop a common application that allows low-income households to apply for MassHealth, SNAP, and other safety-net programs all at the same time.

