Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. Federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program; criteria and notice. (a) The commissioner must post on the department's website eligibility criteria and application information for nonprofit organizations interested in applying to the commissioner for approval as a multisite sponsoring organization under federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program.

The posted criteria and information must inform interested nonprofit organizations about:

1. The criteria the commissioner uses to approve or disapprove an application, including how an applicant demonstrates financial viability for the Minnesota program, among other criteria;

2. The commissioner's process and time line for notifying an applicant when its application is approved or disapproved and, if the application is disapproved, the explanation the commissioner provides to the applicant; and

3. Any appeal or other recourse available to a disapproved applicant.

An organization applying to be a prospective sponsor for the federal child and adult care program or the federal summer food service program must provide documentation of financial viability as an organization. Documentation must include:

1. Evidence that the organization has operated for at least one year and has filed at least one tax return;

2. The most recent tax return submitted by the organization and corresponding forms and financial statements;

3. A profit and loss statement and balance sheet or similar financial information; and

4. Evidence that at least ten percent of the organization's operating revenue comes from sources other than the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition program and that the organization has additional funds or a performance bond available to cover at least one month of reimbursement claims.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.111, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Respectful treatment. (a) The participant must also provide meals to students in a respectful manner according to the policy adopted under subdivision 1. The participant must ensure that any reminders for payment of outstanding student meal balances do not
280.19 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program, including but not limited to dumping meals, withdrawing a meal that has been served, announcing or listing students' names publicly, providing alternative meals not specifically related to dietary needs, providing nonreimbursable meals, or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant must not impose any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student meal balances. The participant must not limit a student's participation in any school activities, graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities or access to materials, technology, or other items provided to students due to an unpaid student meal balance.

280.27 (b) If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines a participant has violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must send a letter of noncompliance to the participant. The participant is required to respond and, if applicable, remedy the practice within 60 days.

280.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

281.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.1158, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 2, is amended to read:

281.13 **124D.1158 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.**

281.14 Subdivision 1. **Purpose; eligibility.** (a) The purpose of the school breakfast program is to provide affordable morning nutrition to children so that they can effectively learn.

281.16 (b) A school district, charter school, nonpublic school, or other participant in the federal school breakfast program may receive state breakfast aid.

281.18 (c) Schools shall encourage all children to eat a nutritious breakfast, either at home or at school, and shall work to eliminate barriers to breakfast participation at school such as inadequate facilities and transportation.

281.11 Subd. 3. **Program reimbursement.** Each school year, the state must reimburse each participating school either:

281.13 (1) 30 cents for each reduced-price breakfast, 55 cents for each fully paid breakfast served to students in grades 1 to 12, and $1.30 for each fully paid breakfast served to a prekindergarten student enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, early childhood special education student participating in a program authorized under section 124D.151, or a kindergarten student; or

281.18 (2) if the school participates in the free school meals program under section 124D.111, subdivision 1c, state aid as provided in section 124D.111, subdivision 1d.

21.12 demean or stigmatize any child participating in the school lunch program, including but not limited to dumping meals, withdrawing a meal that has been served, announcing or listing students' names publicly, providing alternative meals not specifically related to dietary needs, providing nonreimbursable meals, or affixing stickers, stamps, or pins. The participant must not impose any other restriction prohibited under section 123B.37 due to unpaid student meal balances. The participant must not limit a student's participation in any school activities, graduation ceremonies, field trips, athletics, activity clubs, or other extracurricular activities or access to materials, technology, or other items provided to students due to an unpaid student meal balance.

21.27 (b) If the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines a participant has violated the requirement to provide meals to participating students in a respectful manner, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee must send a letter of noncompliance to the participant. The participant is required to respond and, if applicable, remedy the practice within 60 days.

21.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

212.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.1158, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 2, is amended to read:

212.22 **124D.1158 SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.**

212.23 Subdivision 1. **Purpose; eligibility.** (a) The purpose of the school breakfast program is to provide affordable morning nutrition to children so that they can effectively learn.

212.25 (b) A school district, charter school, nonpublic school, or other participant in the federal school breakfast program may receive state breakfast aid.

212.27 (c) Schools shall encourage all children to eat a nutritious breakfast, either at home or at school, and shall work to eliminate barriers to breakfast participation at school such as inadequate facilities and transportation.

212.11 Subd. 3. **Program reimbursement.** Each school year, the state must reimburse each participating school either:

212.13 (1) 30 cents for each reduced-price breakfast, 55 cents for each fully paid breakfast served to students in grades 1 to 12, and $1.30 for each fully paid breakfast served to a prekindergarten student enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, early childhood special education student participating in a program authorized under section 124D.151, or a kindergarten student; or

212.18 (2) if the school participates in the free school meals program under section 124D.111, subdivision 1c, state aid as provided in section 124D.111, subdivision 1d.
A school that receives school breakfast aid under this section must make breakfast available without charge to all participating students in grades 1 to 12 who qualify for free or reduced-price meals and to all prekindergarten students enrolled in an approved voluntary prekindergarten program under section 124D.151, early childhood special education students participating in a program authorized under section 124D.151, and all kindergarten students.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.119, is amended to read:

### 124D.119 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE REPLACEMENT AID PROGRAM AND CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.

**Subd. 1.** Summer Food Service Program replacement aid. Siasae State funds are available to compensate department-approved Summer Food Service Program sponsors. Reimbursement shall be made on December 15 based on total meals served by each sponsor from the end of the school year to the beginning of the next school year on a pro rata basis.

**Subd. 2.** Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program sponsor organizations. Legally distinct Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program sites may transfer sponsoring organizations no more than once per year, except under extenuating circumstances including termination of the sponsoring organization's agreement or other circumstances approved by the Department of Education.

**Subd. 3.** Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program training. Prior to applying to sponsor a Child and Adult Care Food Program or Summer Food Service Program site, a nongovernmental organization applicant must provide documentation to the Department of Education verifying that staff members have completed program-specific training as designated by the commissioner.

**Subd. 4.** Summer Food Service Program locations. Consistent with Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 225.6(d)(1)(ii), the Department of Education must not approve a new Summer Food Service Program open site that is within a half-mile radius of an existing Summer Food Service Program open site. The department may approve a new Summer Food Service Program open site within a half-mile radius only if the new program will not be serving the same group of children for the same meal type or if there are safety issues that could present barriers to participation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- **Sec. 5.** [124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.
  - A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.
  - A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:

Sec. 8. [124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS.

A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.

A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:
ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access, and use resources that are organized and cataloged;

(2) has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom statement;

(3) is housed in a central location that provides an environment for expanded learning and supports a variety of student interests;

(4) has technology and Internet access; and

(5) is served by a licensed school library media specialist or licensed school librarian.

Sec. 2. The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility for public education, support the provision of library service for every citizen, the resident, and supports a variety of student interests; and

libraries, and the establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where appropriate.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable and free access to students, teachers, and administrators.

A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:

(1) ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access, and use resources that are organized and cataloged;

(2) has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom statement;

(3) is housed in a central location that provides an environment for expanded learning and supports a variety of student interests;

(4) has technology and Internet access; and

(5) is served by a licensed school library media specialist or licensed school librarian.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Library service. The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility for public education, support the provision of library service for every citizen, the resident, and supports a variety of student interests; and

libraries, and the establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where appropriate.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

Subd. 4a. Services to people with visual and physical disabilities. The Minnesota Department of Education shall provide specialized services to people with visual and physical
disabilities through the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library under a cooperative
plan with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.32, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Local support levels. (a) Regional library basic system support aid shall
be provided to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating
counties and where each participating city and county is providing for public library service
support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to .82 percent of the average of the adjusted
net tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the
commissioner of revenue for the second, third, and fourth year preceding that calendar year
or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita
amount is established for calendar year 1993 as $7.62. In succeeding calendar years, the
per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by
which the total state adjusted net tax capacity of property as determined by the commissioner
of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted
net tax capacity for the third year preceding that calendar year.

(b) The minimum level of support specified under this subdivision or subdivision 4 shall
be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the Department of Education.
paragraph (b) or (c), it shall notify its regional public library system. The regional public
library system shall notify the Department of Education that a revised certification is required.

The revised minimum level of support shall be certified to the city or county by the
Department of Education.

(c) A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to
provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for
the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the Department of
Education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of
support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for regional library basic
system support aid. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from
providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified
in this section.
The amounts required to be expended under this section are subject to the reduced maintenance of effort requirements under section 275.761.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

Later.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Basic aid distribution. 1. Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be paid to each system as base aid for basic system services.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution. 1. Fifteen percent of the available aid funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems based upon the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each member county or participating portion of a county as calculated for the second third-year preceding the fiscal year for which aid is provided. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

(a) (1) multiply the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each county or participating portion of a county by .0082

(b) (2) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the lowest value calculated according to paragraph (a) clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the next highest value calculated according to paragraph (a) clause (1).

(c) (3) continue the process described in paragraph (a) clause (2) by adding sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with lower values calculated in paragraph (a) clause (1) up to the amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the next highest value, until reaching an amount where funds available

(d) (4) add sufficient aid funds that are available under this subdivision to raise the amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in paragraph (a) clause (1) to the amount of the county or participating portion of a county with the next highest value calculated in paragraph (a) clause (1).
under this subdivision are no longer sufficient to raise the amount of a county or participating
portion of a county and the amount of counties and participating portions of counties with
lower values up to the amount of the next highest county or participating portion of a county;
and
(4) if the point is reached using the process in paragraphs (b) and (c) clauses (2) and
(3) at which the remaining aid funds under this subdivision are not adequate for raising the
amount of a county or participating portion of a county and all counties and participating
portions of counties with amounts of lower value to the amount of the county or participating
portion of a county with the next highest value, those funds are to be divided on a per capita
basis for all counties or participating portions of counties that received aid funds under the
calculation in paragraphs (b) and (c) clauses (2) and (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
later.

Subd. 7. Population determination. A regional public library system’s population shall
be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available
under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
later.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. Population determination. A regional public library system’s population shall
be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available
under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
later.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 134.355, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. Population determination. A regional public library system’s population shall
be determined according to must be calculated using the most recent estimate available
under section 477A.011, subdivision 3, at the time the aid amounts are calculated, which
must be by April 1 in the year the calculation is made.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for state aid for fiscal year 2024 and
later.

Sec. 7. [134.356] SCHOOL LIBRARY AID.

Subdivision 1. School library aid. For fiscal year 2024 and later, school library aid for
a district or charter school equals the greater of $15 times the district’s adjusted pupil units
for the school year or $50,000.

Subd. 2. Uses of school library aid. School library aid must be reserved and used for
directly funding the costs of the following purposes within a library:

(1) the salaries and benefits of a school library media specialist;
(2) electronic, computer, and audiovisual equipment;
(3) information technology infrastructure and digital tools;
(4) electronic and material resources; or
(5) furniture, equipment, or supplies.

Subd. 3. Material access for students. Recognizing the difference between school
libraries, school computer labs, and school media centers, which serve unique educational
purposes, and public libraries, which are designed for public inquiry, a school library within
a school site must restrict student access to materials as required under section 125B.15.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. School lunch. For school lunch aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.111,
including the amounts for the free school meals program:

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Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 18, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. School breakfast. For school breakfast aid under Minnesota Statutes, section
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Sec. 15. APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
designated. Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

Subd. 2. Basic system support. (a) For basic system support aid under Minnesota
Statutes, section 134.355:

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(b) The 2024 appropriation includes $1,357,000 for 2023 and $14,193,000 for 2024.

(c) The 2025 appropriation includes $1,757,000 for 2024 and $14,213,000 for 2025.

Subd. 3. Electronic library for Minnesota. For statewide licenses to online databases
selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media:

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(b) The 2024 appropriation includes $1,357,000 for 2023 and $16,213,000 for 2024.

(c) The 2025 appropriation includes $1,801,000 for 2024 and $15,769,000 for 2025.

Subd. 5. Electronic library for Minnesota. For statewide licenses to online databases
selected in cooperation with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education for school media:
centers, public libraries, state government agency libraries, and public or private college or university libraries:

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Subd. 5. Multicounty, multitype library systems. (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes, sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

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Subd. 6. Regional library telecommunications. (a) For regional library telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:

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Subd. 7. Multicounty, multitype library systems. (a) For aid under Minnesota Statutes, sections 134.353 and 134.354, to multicounty, multitype library systems:

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Subd. 8. Regional library telecommunications. (a) For regional library telecommunications aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355:
(b) The 2024 appropriation includes $230,000 for 2023 and $2,300,000 for 2024.

Subd. 7. Summer school food service replacement. For summer school food service replacement aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.119:

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(c) The 2025 appropriation includes $230,000 for 2024 and $2,070,000 for 2025.

Subd. 9. School library aid. (a) For school library aid under Minnesota Statutes, section 134.356:

130.6 Sec. 16. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.

The revisor of statutes shall replace the terms "free lunch," "reduced price lunch," "reduced-price lunch," and "free or reduced price lunch" with "free meals," "reduced-price meals," and "free or reduced-price meals" wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes when used in context with the national school lunch and breakfast programs.