

**Assembly Joint Resolution No. 68**

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Adopted in Assembly April 22, 2004

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Adopted in Senate June 21, 2004

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_M.

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*Deputy Secretary of State*



## RESOLUTION CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 68—Relative to the federal child nutrition programs.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 68, Parra. Federal child nutrition programs.

This measure would memorialize the Congress of the United States to eliminate the reduced price school meals program category and to instead expand the free school meals program category to provide free meals for all children in families that are below 185% of the applicable family size income level.

WHEREAS, The federal School Lunch Program was declared to be the policy of the United States Congress in 1946, as a measure of national security; and

WHEREAS, Over 503 million lunches are served in over 10,000 California public schools each year; and

WHEREAS, The federal School Breakfast Program has contributed to the welfare of California children for over 30 years by making nutritious meals available in California public schools; and

WHEREAS, Over 167 million breakfasts are served in over 7,500 California public schools each year; and

WHEREAS, Child nutrition programs, including the federal School Lunch Program and federal School Breakfast Program, are important to the health and well-being of the children of California; and

WHEREAS, Child nutrition programs encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence of continued need for child nutrition programs to nourish the minds and bodies of California children; and

WHEREAS, School meal programs offer nutritionally balanced and low-cost or free breakfasts and lunches to California children each schoolday; and

WHEREAS, Reduced price school meals are offered, in participating schools, to children in families that are between 130



percent of the applicable family size income levels and 185 percent of the applicable family size income levels; and

WHEREAS, Many families in the reduced price income level find it difficult to pay the reduced fee and, for some families, the fee is an insurmountable barrier to participation; and

WHEREAS, The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children provides free benefits to all participants in families with income below 185 percent of the applicable family size income levels; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California supports the reauthorization of federal child nutrition programs and urges the President and the Congress of the United States to eliminate the reduced price school meals program category, and expand the free school meals program category to provide free meals for all children in families with income below 185 percent of the applicable family size income levels; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.



Attest:

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*Secretary of State*

