



# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 7.60: No Administrative Penalty for Unpaid Meal Debt

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Introduced by:</b>		<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brian Gwyn Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 7.60 of S.L. 2023-134		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 7.60 of S.L. 2023-134 prohibits governing bodies of public school units from imposing administrative penalties on a student for unpaid school meal debt. Administrative penalties include withholding student records (transcripts, report cards, attendance records, and health records) and not allowing a student to participate in graduation or receive a diploma.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2023.*

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