

Senate Bill 387

By: Senator Jordan of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-187 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 state-wide school lunch program, instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social
3 graces, and school food and nutrition personnel, so as to authorize the State Board of
4 Education to promulgate rules and regulations for a course of instruction in nutrition,
5 hygiene, etiquette, and social graces relating to the preparation of food; to provide for the
6 promulgation of rules and regulations for the distribution of surplus prepared food to
7 students, including, but not limited to, students dealing with hunger or food insecurity issues;
8 to require such rules and regulations to meet or exceed federal and state food service
9 standards; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
10 laws; and for other purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

13 Code Section 20-2-187 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide
14 school lunch program, instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces, and
15 school food and nutrition personnel, is amended by revising subsection (b) follows:

16 "(b)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'surplus prepared food' means food that has
17 been prepared in whole or in part by students as part of a course of instruction relating
18 to the preparation of food and that is suitable for serving and consumption but is not
19 served as part of such course of instruction.

20 (2) The State Board of Education is authorized to prescribe by appropriate rules and
21 regulations that there may be included as part of the program of every public school in
22 this state a course of instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and the social graces
23 relating to the preparation and partaking of meals and is further authorized to allot funds,
24 in a manner consistent with the funding for the other various components of the
25 instructional program, to local units of administration for costs directly associated with
26 this program. There may be utilized in the course of instruction the full resources

27 available to each individual school, including its cafeterias, school lunch personnel, and
28 all practical demonstrations in the preparation and consumption of food which may be
29 necessary to formulate a comprehensive course of instruction in such subject matter. Any
30 period of the school day may be utilized for the teaching of this course of instruction,
31 including that period usually reserved for the lunch period.

32 (3) With respect to any course of instruction relating to the preparation of food, the State
33 Board of Education shall prescribe by appropriate rules and regulations how individual
34 schools may distribute surplus prepared food to students at the school, including, but not
35 limited to, students dealing with hunger or food insecurity issues. Any such rules and
36 regulations shall give clear guidance as to food safety requirements, including, but not
37 limited to, proper food handling, service, preparation, and storage, which meet or exceed
38 applicable federal guidelines and food service rules promulgated by the Department of
39 Public Health."

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SECTION 2.

41 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.