

Senate Bill 387

By: Senator Jordan of the 6th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 **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.