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S.F. No. 3912 – School Lunch Milk Available Without Cost (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Section 1. School Milk Program.

Subdivision 1. Legislative findings. Provides the legislative purpose for the proposed lunch milk program, including that students in kindergarten through grade five may have access to free milk on school days that they bring a lunch from home.

Subd. 2. Kindergarten milk program; school participation. Technical change to subdivision headnote.

Subd. 3. Program guidelines; duties of the commissioner. Authorizes the commissioner to establish program guidelines for the school lunch milk program.

Subd. 4. Reimbursement. Provides reimbursement to schools participating in the free school meals program for lunchtime milk served without cost to students in kindergarten through grade five who bring their lunch from home. Limits the reimbursement to one carton of milk per student per day. Provides that the reimbursement rate equals the greater of 50 cents per half-pint or the special school milk rate established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services for that school year. (The federal special school milk rate for the 2023-2024 school year equals 26.25 cents per half-pint.)

Sec. 2. School milk [appropriation]. Modifies the Laws 2023 milk appropriation to pay for the school milk program.