

Overview of Relevant Legislation – 2018 to Present

Commission to End Hunger

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Passed Bills

2025 HB 1723 – Del. Price – Department of Social Services; improving access to and maximizing participation in federal food assistance programs; work group; report.

2025 HB 2240 / SB 1016 – Del. Cousins/ Sen. Roem – Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program; established, report.

2025 SB 1018 – Sen. Roem – Higher educational institutions, public; SNAP eligibility, applications, and participation.

2025 SB 1019 – Sen. Roem – Department of Health; WIC applications; information

2025 SB 1020 – Sen. Roem – Department of Social Services; Restaurant Meals Program of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; report.

Passed Bills

2024 HB 150 – Del. Helmer – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; applications.

2024 HB 827 – Del. Cousins – On-campus food insecurity; SCHEV to survey institutions to determine how they are addressing issue.

2023 HB 2025 – Del. Roem – SNAP benefits program; parent information sheet, free or reduced price meals application.

2023 HB 2380 – Del. Roem – Department of Social Services; SNAP applications; information.

2023 HB 2445 / SB 1525 – Del. Bennett-Parker / Sen. Rouse – Wholesome food donation; tax credit renewed.

Passed Bills

2022 HB 582 – Del. Roem – Public institutions of higher education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; notice to students; SNAP benefits.

2021 (Special I) HB 1820 – Del. Helmer – SNAP benefits program; eligibility for benefits, postsecondary education.

2021 (Special I) HB 2203 / SB 1188 – Del. Eileen Filler-Corn / Sen. Hashmi – Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program and Fund; established.

2020 HB 566 / SB 124 – Del. Guzman / Sen. Locke – Eligibility for food stamps and TANF; drug-related felonies

2020 HB 1410 – Del. Roem – Food stamps; Restaurant Meals Program.

Legislation Overview – 2026

YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION
2026	HB 371	Price	Virginia Commission to End Hunger; membership.	Passed
2026	HB 674	Maldonado	VDH; collection and annual publication of food insecurity information.	Passed
2026	HB 879	Shin	Department of Social Services; requests for records or information concerning applicants for and recipients of public assistance; public notice required.	Passed
2026	HB 610	Anthony	Commonwealth Food Security and Coordination Act established.	Tabled in Appropriations
2026	HB 866	Cousins	DSS; DACS; VDH; DARS; work group; food insecurity and hunger survey; report.	Tabled in House Rules
2026	HB 1434	Cole	DMAS; Medicaid benefit for nutrition services programs; sunset.	Tabled in Appropriations
2026	SB 97	Roem	Institutions of higher education; Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program; establishment of student meal plan credit donation program.	Continued in Appropriations

Legislation Overview – 2025

YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION
2025	HB 1723	Price	Department of Social Services; improving access to and maximizing participation in federal food assistance programs; work group; report.	Passed
2025	HB 1741	Reid	Venison donation tax credit.	Left in Finance
2025	HB 1906	Willett	Department of Social Services; Department of Health; local departments of social services; local health districts; screening for unmet social needs; service referrals.	Left in HHS
2025	HB 2240 / SB 1016	Cousins/Roem	Hunger-Free Campus Food Pantry Grant Program; established, report.	Passed
2025	SB 1018	Roem	Higher educational institutions, public; SNAP eligibility, applications, and participation.	Passed
2025	SB 1019	Roem	Department of Health; WIC applications; information	Passed
2025	SB 1020	Roem	Department of Social Services; Restaurant Meals Program of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; report.	Passed

Legislation Overview – 2024 and 2023

YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION
2024	HB 150	Helmer	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; applications.	Passed
2024	HB 827	Cousins	On-campus food insecurity; SCHEV to survey institutions to determine how they are addressing issue.	Passed
2024	HB 963	Early	Department of Education; survey; excess food donation; best practices.	PBI in Senate Education and Health
2024	SB 320	Roem	WIC applicants; DH to provide information to food banks regarding providing assistance.	Tabled in Appropriations
2023	HB 1874	Helmer	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; applications.	Failed to pass House
2023	HB 2025	Roem	SNAP benefits program; parent information sheet, free or reduced price meals application.	Passed
2023	HB 2380	Roem	Department of Social Services; SNAP applications; information.	Passed
2023	HB 2445 / SB 1525	Bennett-Parker / Rouse	Wholesome food donation; tax credit renewed.	Passed

Legislation Overview – 2022, 2021, 2021 Special Session, and 2020

YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION
2022	HB 582	Roem	Public institutions of higher education; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; notice to students; SNAP benefits.	Passed
2022	HB 1270	Sickles	SNAP benefits; waiver to allow inmates of correctional facilities to apply prior to release.	Vetoed
2021 (Special Session)	HB 1820	Helmer	SNAP benefits program; eligibility for benefits, postsecondary education.	Passed
2021 (Special Session)	HB 2203 / SB 1188	Filler-Corn / Hashmi	Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program and Fund; established.	Passed
2021	SB 486	Favola	Food waste; to study VDACS sources, scale, and prevention of food waste.	Left in House Rules
2020	HB 566 / SB 124	Guzman / Locke	Eligibility for food stamps and TANF; drug-related felonies	Passed
2020	HB 1410	Roem	Food stamps; Restaurant Meals Program.	Passed

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Legislation of Interest 2018 – 2026

FOCUS: School Meals

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Legislation Themes

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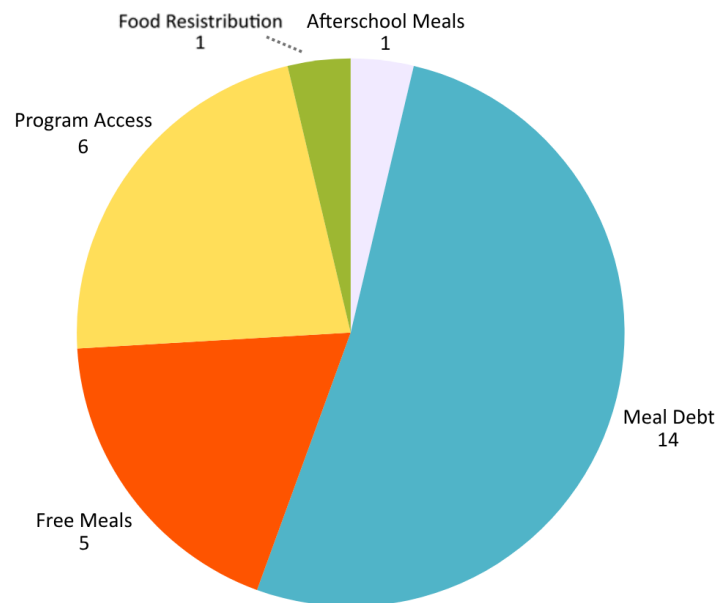
- Meal Debt
- Program Access
- Free Meals
- Afterschool Meals
- Food Redistribution



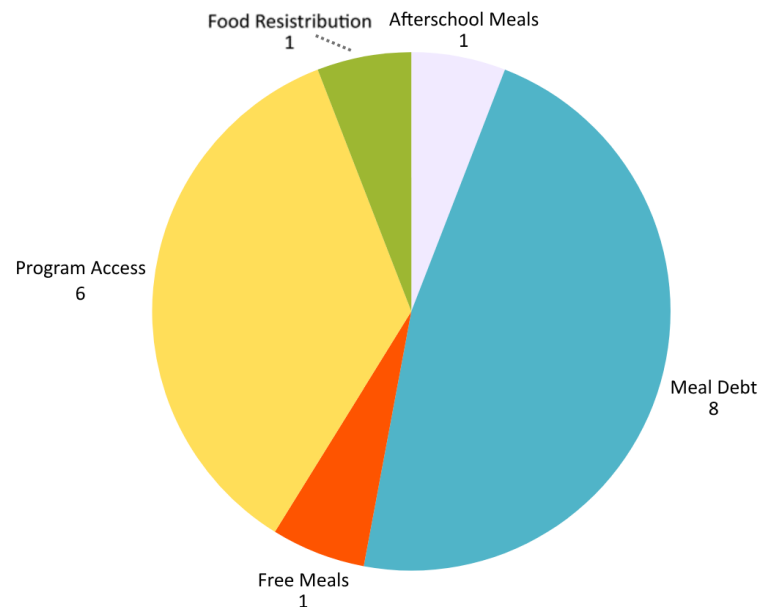
Legislation Overview

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Bills Introduced



Bills Passed



Total Bills Introduced:

24

Total Bills Passed:

14

(bills may be under more than 1 theme and therefore counted twice for the charts)



Theme: MEAL DEBT

SM 4

PASSED:

8 of 14 passed

1. **HB 210** (2026) **Price** - School meal debt; annual report. **
2. **SB 283** (2024) **Roem** - Free school meals; work group to study offering to students statewide. *
3. **HB 583** (2022) **Roem** - Public elementary & secondary school students; ability to pay for meals and school meal debt. *
4. **HB 2013** (2021 ss 1) **Roem** - School boards; board policy for students unable to pay for a meal at school.
5. **HB 697** (2020) **Roem** - School meals; adoption of policies.
6. **HB 703** (2020) **Roem** - School meal debt; donations.
7. **HB 1426** (2020) **Roem** - School boards; availability of school meals to students, effective date. *
8. **SB 840/HB 50** (2018) **Favola/Hope** - Local school boards; school meal policies

Theme: PROGRAM ACCESS

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PASSED:

6 of 6 passed

1. **HB 2021** (2023) **Roem** - School boards; schoolwide events with parents, free or reduced price meals applications.
2. **HB 583** (2022) **Roem** - Public elementary and secondary school students; ability to pay for meals and school meal debt.*
3. **HB 587** (2022) **Roem** - School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program; processing of applications.
4. **HB 5113** (2020 ss 1) **Roem** - School boards, certain; student meals, participation in the Community Eligibility Provision
5. **HB 1426** (2020) **Roem** - School boards; availability of school meals to students, effective date.*
6. **HB 2400** (2019) **Roem** - School Breakfast Program/National School Lunch Program; school board to determine eligibility. *

Theme: **FREE MEALS**

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PASSED:

1 of 5 passed

1. **SB 283** (2024) **Roem** - Free school meals; work group to study offering to students statewide. *

Theme: AFTERSCHOOL MEALS

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PASSED:

1 of 1 passed

1. **HB 2135** (2021 ss 1) **Roem** - Certain school boards; student meals; participation in the Afterschool Meal Program.



Theme: FOOD REDISTRIBUTION

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PASSED:

1 of 1 passed

1. **HB 698** (2024) **Roem** - School boards; distribution of excess food.



Reporting Requirements

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HB 210 (2026) **Price** - School meal debt; annual report.

Annual reporting requirement for school boards to the DOE and then the DOE to the General Assembly. First report incoming.

SB 283 (2024) **Roem** - Free school meals; work group to study offering to students statewide.

One time report, November after enactment. Report at <https://rga.lis.virginia.gov/Published/2024/RD727>.



Legislation 2023-2026

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YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION	THEME
2026	HB 210	Price	School meal debt; annual report.	Passed	Meal Debt
2026	HB 96 /SB 4	Bennett-Parker/Roem	School breakfast; availability at no cost to students. This bill was a recommendation of the Commission.	Continued in Appropriations/SFAC	Free Meals
2026	SB 42	Roem	DOE; impact of requiring each school board to pay unpaid meal balance from uncollectible school meal debts; report.	Continued in H Rules	Meal Debt
2025	HB 1958/SB 1003	Bennett-Parker/Roem	School breakfasts; availability at no cost to students.	Left in Appropriations /SFAC	Free Meals
2025	SB 1017	Roem	School boards; powers and duties, school meal policies, payment of school meal debt.	Vetoed	Meal Debt
2024	HB 686	Bennett-Parker	School meals; availability at no cost to students.	Left in Appropriations	Free Meals
2024	SB 283	Roem	Free school meals; work group to study offering to students statewide.	Passed	Meal Debt, Free Meals
2023	HB1967	Mullin	School meals; availability at no cost to student.	Left in H Ed	Free Meals
2023	HB 2021	Roem	School boards; schoolwide events with parents, free or reduced price meals applications.	Passed	Program Access



Legislation 2020-2022

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YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION	THEME
2022	HB 583	Roem	Public elementary and secondary school students; ability to pay for meals and school meal debt.	Passed	Meal Debt, Program Access
2022	HB 587	Roem	School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program; processing of applications.	Passed	Program Access
2021 (Special I)	HB 2013	Roem	School boards; board policy for students unable to pay for a meal at school.	Passed	Meal Debt
2021 (Special I)	HB 2135	Roem	Certain school boards; student meals; participation in the Afterschool Meal Program.	Passed	Afterschool Meals
2020 (Special I)	HB 5113	Roem	School boards, certain; student meals, participation in the Community Eligibility Provision	Passed	Program Access
2020	HB 697	Roem	School meals; adoption of policies.	Passed	Meal Debt
2020	HB 698	Roem	School boards; distribution of excess food.	Passed	Food Redistribution
2020	HB 701	Roem	School boards; school meal policies; parental notification and opt-out.	Left in H Ed	Meal Debt
2020	HB 703	Roem	School meal debt; donations.	Passed	Meal Debt

Legislation 2018-2020

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YEAR	BILL #	PATRON	CATCH LINE	DISPOSITION	THEME
2020	HB 1426	Roem	School boards; availability of school meals to students, effective date.	Passed	Meal Debt, Program Access
2019	HB 2400	Roem	School Breakfast Program/National School Lunch Program; school board to determine eligibility	Passed	Program Access
2019	HB 2376	Roem	School meal policies.	Left in H Ed	Meal Debt
2019	HB 2462	Roem	School boards; school meal policies; student debt; parental notification.	Left in H Ed	Meal Debt
2018	SB 840/HB 50	Favola/Hope	Local school boards; school meal policies	Passed	Meal Debt
2018	HB 1477	Roem	School boards; school meals; practices.	Left in H Ed	Meal Debt

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FOCUS: SCHOOL MEALS

QUESTIONS?

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