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An act to provide Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) to Kentucky students in need.

## Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: To many students in Kentucky are in circumstances in which they don't have food to eat after school or on weekends. It would benefit these students if schools were able to send them home with quality meals that they can eat after school for dinner or during weekends.

Section 2: Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) are full of calories that some students may really need for the weekend or over night. Each MRE can contain on average about 1,250 calories: 13% protein, 36% fat, and 51% carbohydrates.

Section 3: Each MRE costs about \$6.50 or 12 MRE's for \$78.00. This will be paid for through a small amount of tax dollars and state money. The decision for sending home MRE's is optional for each school district in Kentucky, however, schools MUST send home some type of packaged foods home via student, or they will lose government funding.

Section 4: The date the bill will become a law will be the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. This will mainly affect students and parents/guardians who require MREs to be sent home, and any and all school districts who accept MRE's to be sent home with students.