

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-078

First Reading Passage Requested

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3 (J. Schmidt)

4 SPONSOR John Schmidt, Council as a Whole, Executive Shapiro

5 DATE March 24, 2025 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution urging Ohio’s 136th General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill 109 to provide**
8 **breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students, for**
9 **Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, the United States House Ways and Means Committee is considering a budget
12 cut that could take billions of dollars from school breakfast and lunch programs; and

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14 WHEREAS, the aforementioned cut could impact more than 280,000 students in Ohio
15 alone and 728 schools in the state, according to data from the Food Research & Action Center;
16 and

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18 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2025, Ohio Senators Louis Blessing (R) and Kent Smith (D)
19 introduced bipartisan Senate Bill 109, which, if approved, would provide breakfast and lunch at
20 no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students throughout the State of Ohio; and

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22 WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 109, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
23 would be directed to reimburse public and chartered nonpublic schools who participated in the
24 National School Breakfast Program to cover the gap between the federal reimbursements for free
25 and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches as well as covering those students who would be required
26 to pay because they do not qualify for meal assistance; and

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28 WHEREAS, a 2023 report from the advocacy group Children’s Defense Fund Ohio found
29 that one in six children live in households that struggle to keep food on the table and one in three
30 children from those homes do not qualify for free school meals; and

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32 WHEREAS, a 2024 poll by the research firm Tarrance Group Polling, found that two-
33 thirds of Ohioans support a universal free school breakfast and lunch program for all public school
34 children; and

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36 WHEREAS, we urge the members of the Ohio’s 136th General Assembly to adopt Senate
37 Bill 109 to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school
38 students; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
41 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to urge Ohio’s 136th General Assembly to
42 adopt Senate Bill 109 to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic
43 school students.

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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State
46 of Ohio, that:

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48 SECTION 1

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50 This Council urges Ohio’s 136th General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill 109 to provide
51 breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution
7 to the Ohio Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Ohio Speaker of the House, the Ohio Senate
8 President, and the Summit County delegation of the Ohio General Assembly.

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10 SECTION 4

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
14 pronounce that this Council urge Ohio's 136th General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill 109 to
15 provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students.

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17 SECTION 5

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19 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
20 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and
21 be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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23 SECTION 6

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25 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
26 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
27 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
28 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED March 24, 2025


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35 ADOPTED March 24, 2025

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Signed by:


CLERK OF COUNCIL
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
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40 APPROVED March 24, 2025

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Signed by:


EXECUTIVE
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Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney,
Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
Absent: Ford

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43 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 25, 2025

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