of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

#### §1769b. Department of Defense overseas dependents' schools

# (a) Purpose of program; availability of payments and commodities

For the purpose of obtaining Federal payments and commodities in conjunction with the provision of lunches to students attending Department of Defense dependents' schools which are located outside the United States, its territories or possessions, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available to the Department of Defense, from funds appropriated for such purpose, the same payments and commodities as are provided to States for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program in the United States.

### (b) Administration of program; eligibility determinations and regulations

The Secretary of Defense shall administer lunch programs authorized by this section and shall determine eligibility for free and reduced price lunches under the criteria published by the Secretary of Agriculture, except that the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations governing computation of income eligibility standards for families of students participating in the National School Lunch Program under this section.

### (c) Nutritional standards for meals; noncompliance with standards

The Secretary of Defense shall be required to offer meals meeting nutritional standards prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture; however, the Secretary of Defense may authorize deviations from Department of Agriculture prescribed meal patterns and fluid milk requirements when local conditions preclude strict compliance or when such compliance is impracticable.

### (d) Authorization of appropriations

Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for any fiscal year in such amounts as may be necessary for the administrative expenses of the Department of Defense under this section.

# (e) Technical assistance for administration of program

The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide the Secretary of Defense with the technical assistance in the administration of the school lunch programs authorized by this section.

(June 4, 1946, ch. 281, §20, formerly §22, as added Pub. L. 95-561, title XIV, §1408(a), Nov. 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 2368; renumbered §20 and amended Pub. L. 99-500, title III, §§328(a), 371(c)(1), Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-362, 1783-368, and Pub. L. 99-591, title III, §§328(a), 371(c)(1), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-365, 3341-372; renumbered §20 and amended Pub. L. 99-661, div. D, title II, §4208(a), title V, §4501(c)(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 4073, 4080; Pub. L. 101-147, title III, §312(2), Nov. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 916.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-591 is a corrected version of Pub. L. 99-500.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 20 of act June 4, 1946, was renumbered section 18 of act June 4, 1946, and is classified to section 1769 of this title.

#### Amendments

1989—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101–147 substituted "reduced price" for "reduced-price".

1986—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99–500 and Pub. L. 99–591, §328(a), and Pub. L. 99–661, §4208(a), amended subsec. (d) identically, striking out "and for payment of the difference between the value of commodities and payments received from the Secretary of Agriculture and (1) the full cost of each lunch for each student eligible for a free lunch, and (2) the full cost of each lunch, less any amounts required by law or regulation to be paid by each student eligible for a reduced-price lunch" after "this section".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1978 and no provision herein to be construed as impairing or preventing the taking effect of any other Act providing for the transfer of functions described herein to an executive department having responsibility for education, see section 1415 of Pub. L. 95-561, set out as a note under section 921 of Title 20, Education.

# §1769b–1. Training, technical assistance, and food service management institute

#### (a) General authority

The Secretary—

(1) subject to the availability of, and from, amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (e)(1), shall conduct training activities and provide—

(A) training and technical assistance to improve the skills of individuals employed in—

(i) food service programs carried out with assistance under this chapter and, to the maximum extent practicable, using individuals who administer exemplary local food service programs in the State;

(ii) school breakfast programs carried out with assistance under section 1773 of this title; and

(iii) as appropriate, other federally assisted feeding programs; and

(B) assistance, on a competitive basis, to State agencies for the purpose of aiding schools and school food authorities with at least 50 percent of enrolled children certified to receive free or reduced price meals (and, if there are any remaining funds, other schools and school food authorities) in meeting the cost of acquiring or upgrading technology and information management systems for use in food service programs carried out under this chapter and section 1773 of this title, if the school or school food authority submits to the State agency an infrastructure development plan that—

(i) addresses the cost savings and improvements in program integrity and operations that would result from the use of new or upgraded technology;

(ii) ensures that there is not any overt identification of any child by special tokens or tickets, announced or published list of names, or by any other means;

(iii) provides for processing and verifying applications for free and reduced price school meals;