from such laws, as well as from agencies acting unilaterally. According to official data, few have imposed costs on states and localities exceeding the noted statutory threshold (aggregate direct costs during any of the mandate’s first five years of $50 million in 1996; $77 million now).

Agencies claim that very few of the rules affecting states and localities impose unfunded mandates on them, but that may be because the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act is not applicable to many rules and programs. Nonetheless, the following are some notable completed or pending regulations over the past decade that federal agencies have acknowledged in the Unified Agenda as unfunded mandates (with their Regulation Identifier Number provided).518

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- USDA/FNS: National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (0584-AE09)