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MAINE BILL TEXT

TITLE: An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; (LD 701)

VERSION: Adopted

June 27, 2019

Senator Shenna BELLOWS of Kennebec, Senator Catherine BREEN of Cumberland, Representative Janice DODGE of Belfast, Representative Craig HICKMAN of Winthrop, Representative Victoria KORNFELD of Bangor, Senator Rebecca MILLETT of Cumberland, Senator Marianne MOORE of Washington, Representative Victoria MORALES of South Portland, Representative Anne PERRY of Calais, Senator Kimberley ROSEN of Hancock,



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SUMMARY: An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; (LD 701)

TEXT:

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. [20-A MRSA §6601-A](#), as enacted by PL 2017, c. 238, §1, is amended to read:

§ 6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications

The department shall ~~make information available to public schools regarding~~ **contract for the development and implementation of an** Internet-based ~~applications for eligible students~~ **application** for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 **and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220. The department shall make available to public schools the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals developed under this section.** A public school may make ~~an~~ **the** Internet-based application available for school meal applications. If a public school implements ~~an~~ **the** Internet-based application process under this section, the public school shall ~~make available a~~ **continue to distribute** paper application ~~applications~~ for school meals to ~~any student, parent or legal guardian who requests one~~ **all students. A public school implementing the Internet-based application is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications.**

Sec. 2. Internet-based application development. The Department of Education shall make the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price school meals under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6601-A available by October 1, 2019. The department may contract with a 3rd-party vendor to develop and implement the Internet-based application.

Sec. 3. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$650,000 no later than June 30, 2020 and \$150,000 no later than June 30, 2021 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program N318

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2019-20 only to school administrative units that start or expand alternative breakfast delivery services that provide breakfast after the start of the school day. A school administrative unit with a public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year qualifies for funding. The department is required to develop guidelines to allocate and disburse the funding to participating schools. Guidelines must be developed within 90 days following the effective date of this Act. Funding appropriated to this program does not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only for the purpose for which it was provided.

GENERAL FUND 2019-20 2020-21

All Other \$500,000 \$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$500,000 \$0

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the cost to contract for the services of a vendor to deliver and maintain an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program to school administrative units that choose to participate.

GENERAL FUND 2019-20 2020-21

All Other \$150,000 \$150,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$150,000 \$150,000

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS 2019-20 2020-21

GENERAL FUND \$650,000 \$150,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$650,000 \$150,000

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 129th Legislature, First Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.