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### An Act To Reduce Student Hunger

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative LOVEJOY of Portland and  
Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, EBERLE of South  
Portland, KENT of Woolwich, RANKIN of Hiram, WAGNER of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6601, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. The National School Lunch Program Act.** The National School Lunch Program  
5 Act, enacted June 4, 1946, and applicable amendments; ~~and~~

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6601, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is  
7 amended to read:

8 **2. The Child Nutrition Act.** The Child Nutrition Act, enacted October 11, 1966,  
9 and applicable amendments; and

10 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §6601, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

11 **3. Summer food service program for children.** The federal summer food service  
12 program for children, as established by 42 United States Code, Section 1761.

13 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

14 C. A public school in which at least 40% of the students qualify for a free or  
15 reduced-price lunch under the National School Lunch Program described in  
16 paragraph A shall participate in the federal summer food service program for children  
17 in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 1761. The commissioner shall  
18 assist schools in obtaining federal, state and private funds to pay for this program.

19 **Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is  
20 amended to read:

21 **5. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt or amend, with the state board's approval,  
22 rules under this subchapter, including rules about the qualifications of food service  
23 programs' personnel and rules to implement the federal summer food service program for  
24 children under subsection 1, paragraph C.

25 **Sec. 6. Participation in the summer food service program.** Each public  
26 school shall develop a written plan to enroll students who are eligible to participate in the  
27 federal summer food service program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
28 section 6602, subsection 1, paragraph C.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires a public school in which at least 40% of the students qualify for a  
31 free or reduced-price lunch to implement a federally subsidized summer food service  
32 program to provide meals to children during the summer months. The bill requires the  
33 Commissioner of Education to adopt rules to implement the program. The bill also  
34 requires each public school to develop a written plan to enroll students who are eligible in  
35 the summer food service program.