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An Act To Reduce Student Hunger

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY

This bill requires a public school in which at least 40% of the students qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch to implement a federally subsidized summer food service program to provide meals to children during the summer months. The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules to implement

the program. The bill also requires each public school to develop a written plan to enroll students who are eligible in the summer food service program.