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Amend the amendment in section 4 by striking out all of paragraph C and inserting the following:

'C. A school administrative unit may participate in the federal summer food service program for children established in 42 United States Code, Section 1761. The commissioner shall assist school administrative units subject to the requirements of this paragraph in developing a plan to participate in the federal summer food service program for children and in obtaining federal, state and private funds to pay for this program. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, a school administrative unit with at least one public school in which the percentage of students who qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch is determined to be equal to or greater than the minimum percentage established for eligibility under the National School Lunch Program described in paragraph A may participate in the federal summer food service program for children in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 1761, subject to the following phase-in schedule:

(1) For the summer following the 2011-2012 school year, a school administrative unit with at least one public school in which at least 75% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch in the 2011-2012 school year may participate in the federal summer food service program;

(2) For the summer following the 2012-2013 school year, a school administrative unit with at least one public school in which at least 65% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch in the 2012-2013 school year may participate in the federal summer food service program; and

(3) For the summer following the 2013-2014 school year and each subsequent school year, a school administrative unit with at least one public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch in that school year may participate in the federal summer food service program.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 6 and 7.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that school administrative units do not have to participate in the federal summer food service program for children but may participate and receive support services from the Department of Education.