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Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in §6663 by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 24 to 32 and page 2, lines 1 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

1. Commission membership. The commission consists of 11 members as follows:

A. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, from the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

B. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, from a party other than the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

C. Three public members appointed by the President of the Senate, chosen from 3 of the following options:

(1) One member from a statewide organization dedicated to food security;

(2) One member from a statewide or regional organization dedicated to alleviating child hunger;

(3) One member from a statewide or regional organization that runs a food pantry; and

(4) One member who is a food service director in a municipality or school administrative unit that uses the United States Department of Agriculture community eligibility provision, as provided in 42 United States Code, Section 1759a(a)(1)(F);

D. Three public members appointed by the Speaker of the House, chosen from 3 of the following options:

(1) One member from a statewide or regional farm organization;

(2) One member from a statewide or regional organization that runs a school food program for students in at-risk areas;

(3) One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit; and

(4) One member who is an elected official in a municipality that participates in the United States Department of Agriculture community eligibility provision, as provided in 42 United States Code, Section 1759a(a)(1)(F);

E. One public member appointed by the Governor who is a parent of a child who has used or is using free or reduced-price student meal programs;

F. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee; and

G. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee.

2. Chairs. For the first 2 years of the commission, the Senate member is the Senate chair and the House of Representatives member is the House chair. In subsequent years, the chair of the commission must be elected by the members of the commission at the first meeting of each year.'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in §6663 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '6'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in §6663 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 3, lines 12 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. Staff assistance. The department shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.'

Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Commission To End Student Hunger N200

Initiative: Provides base allocations for the Commission To End Student Hunger to establish an account that can be used to accept contributions and other sources of funding to support the work of the commission and 4 privately funded hunger coordinators.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funds for one Planning and Research Associate II position to increase communication and cooperation between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services, to provide staffing services to the Commission To End Student Hunger, to monitor child hunger and nutrition programs in both departments and to provide information to local school administrative units on existing child hunger and nutrition programs and available funding.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,104	\$75,491
All Other	\$7,151	\$5,351
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,255	\$80,842

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$80,255	\$80,842
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$80,755	\$81,342

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the per diem costs and other expenses of one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives to participate in up to 4 meetings of the Commission To End Student Hunger during each interim period.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
Personal Services	\$220	\$220
All Other	\$280	\$280
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

LEGISLATURE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$500

SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
GENERAL FUND	\$80,755	\$81,342
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$81,255	\$81,842

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part B.

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1.

Amend the bill in Part C in section 1 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in Part C by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the number of members of the Commission To End Student Hunger from 17 to 11 and provides that the commission is staffed by the Department of Education through the position created in Part C of the bill.

This amendment removes the provision of the bill that includes the full costs of school nutrition as subsidizable costs in the school funding formula.

This amendment removes the provision of the bill that directs the Department of Education to establish a grant program to help end student hunger.

This amendment removes the provision of the bill that directs the Department of Education to convene a working group regarding the federal community eligibility provision administered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)