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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘**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 application 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.’

Amend the bill in section 2 in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "2019." the following: 'The department may contract with a 3rd-party vendor to develop and implement the Internet-based application.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

‘**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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	\$216,000	\$216,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$216,000	\$216,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that the Department of Education is required to contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. The amendment provides that a public school implementing the Internet-based application is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. The amendment also provides that the department may contract with a 3rd-party vendor to develop and implement the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price school meals.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)