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House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

**An Act to Support Healthy Meal Programs in Maine Schools by
Allowing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to Make Loans to
Repair and Renovate School Kitchens and Cafeterias**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CARLOW of Buxton, CROCKETT of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6664, sub-§1, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 457, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 B. Improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias; and

5 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6664, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 457, §1, is
6 amended to read:

7 C. Support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and
8 the School Breakfast Program within the school administrative unit; and.

9 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §6664, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 457, §1, is
10 repealed.

11 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt.
12 ZZZZ, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

13 (1) The following repair and renovation needs receive Priority 1 status:

14 (a) Repair or replacement of a roof on a school building;

15 (b) Bringing a school building into compliance with the federal Americans
16 with Disabilities Act, ~~42 United States Code, Section 12101 et seq. of 1990~~;

17 (c) Improving air quality in a school building;

18 (d) Removing or abating hazardous materials in a school building, including,
19 but not limited to, water lead abatement or mitigation pursuant to Title 22,
20 section 2604-B; and

21 (f) Undertaking other health, safety and compliance repairs, including
22 installations or improvements necessary to increase school facility security;
23 and

24 (g) Renovating school kitchens and cafeterias and replacing or adding kitchen
25 equipment to facilitate the serving of meals to students.

26 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
27 allocations are made.

28 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

29 **School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund Z386**

30 Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures in the event funds are
31 received from federal grants.

32 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
33 All Other	\$500	\$500
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35 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

36 **School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund Z386**

37 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to eligible school administrative units to
38 purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment, improve food safety in school kitchens

1 and cafeterias and support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch
2 Program and the federal School Breakfast Program within the school administrative units.

3	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
4	All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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8	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
9	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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11	GENERAL FUND	\$500,000	\$0
12	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
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14	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$500,500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill adds renovating school kitchens and cafeterias and replacing or adding kitchen
17 equipment to facilitate the serving of meals to students to the purposes of the School
18 Revolving Renovation Fund. The bill also removes from the School Meal Equipment and
19 Program Improvement Fund reimbursement for food costs related to medically necessary
20 dietary restrictions of students from the approved uses of grants provided by that fund. The
21 bill also provides appropriations and allocations to the School Meal Equipment and
22 Program Improvement Fund.