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In Senate, January 31, 2019

An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DOORE of Augusta and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representatives:
MORALES of South Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6602, sub-§1, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. III,
3 §1, is amended to read:

4 A. A public school shall participate in the National School Lunch Program in
5 accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 (2007) and provide Type A
6 meals as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture. A public
7 school participating in the National School Lunch Program pursuant to this paragraph
8 shall provide lunch at no cost to all students who are eligible for free and reduced-
9 price meals. The State shall provide funding equal to the difference between the
10 federal reimbursement for a reduced-price lunch and the federal reimbursement for a
11 free lunch.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill directs the State to fund the difference between the federal reimbursements
14 for reduced-price and free lunches in order to provide all children from families with
15 incomes under 185% of the federal poverty level free lunch at school.