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An Act To Improve Antihunger Programs in Maine Schools

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, LANGLEY of
Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of
Augusta, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6601-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§6601-A. National School Lunch Program; Internet-based school meal applications**

4 The department shall develop and make available to public schools an Internet-based
5 application for eligible students for free or reduced-price meals under the National School
6 Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210. A public school may
7 make the Internet-based application developed by the department available for school
8 meal applications. If a public school implements an Internet-based application process
9 under this section, the public school shall maintain paper applications for school meals.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the Department of Education to develop and make available to
12 public schools an Internet-based application for eligible students for free or reduced-price
13 meals under the National School Lunch Program. The bill provides that a public school
14 may make available the Internet-based application developed by the department for
15 school meal applications. The bill also provides that if a public school implements an
16 Internet-based application process, the public school is required to maintain paper
17 applications for school meals.