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LD 1679 / SP0540

Original Title: An Act To Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals. New Title: An Act Regarding Expanding Access to Free School Meals. Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 05/20/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/08/21. Amended by: CA S-165, SA/CA (Changed Title) S-623. Carried Over: 07/19/21. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/03/22, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 719.

Original Bill

[LD 1679 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 1679 / PL 2021, c. 719](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-1679.pdf
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(EDU\) \(05/20/2021\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-0165\) \(LD 1679 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)
[Amendment SA/CA \(S-0623\) \(LD 1679 2022\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[SENATE, May 19, 2021 \(S-472-554\)](#)

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[HOUSE, June 02, 2021 \(H-324-402\)](#)

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p. S-733 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p734)) (Amendment(s) S-165)

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Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2021, c. 719](#)

Cross References

[PL 2021, c. 398, Part OOOO \(LD 221\)](#)

News Articles

Maine can be the first to feed all kids at school (Heather Whitaker, Kevin Concannon) (Bangor Daily News, 4/20/2021, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/BDN 210420D.pdf)

Schools provide laptops and buses - Why not meals? (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 5/21/2021, p. A10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/BDN 210521E.pdf)

Free school meals key to addressing childhood hunger (Jim Dill) (Penobscot Times, 6/17/2021, p. W2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/Clip21375.pdf)

Feeding all kids in our schools will make the most of our tax dollars (Matt Pouliot) (Portland Press Herald, 6/2/2021, p. A10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/PPH 210602F.pdf)

There is such a thing as free lunch (Rachel Ohm) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 7/11/2021, p. A1, A14) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/MST 210711A.pdf)

Providing free school meals right thing to do (Editorial) (Republican Journal, 7/15/2021, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/Republican Journal 210715C.pdf)

Measure would make all kids eligible for free meals at schools (Eric Russell) (Portland Press Herald, 5/21/2021, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/PPH 210521D.pdf)

Hungry children can't learn (Matt Pouliot) (Kennebec Journal, 6/3/2021, p. A9) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD16xx/nc130-LD-1679/KJ 210603A.pdf)

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