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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 214, L.D. 701, Bill, "An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §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 applications 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.

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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	<u>\$216,000</u>	<u>\$216,000</u>

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)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 701

LR 1052(02)

An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Education to contract for the services necessary to develop and implement an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program and make the application available to local school administrative units (SAU's). According to the department, Internet-based applications are available and, therefore, there is no need to develop one. The department will hire a vendor through a request for proposal process to maintain the application and deliver it to SAU's.

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$216,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to the School Finance and Operations program within the Department of Education to contract for the services necessary to provide the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program to public schools. This estimate assumes that the 216 SAU's currently in the programs will choose to use, and be provided with, the Internet-based application and that the cost for the vendor to maintain the software will be \$1,000 per school annually.