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L.D. 2017

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1347, L.D. 2017, "An Act to Update Certain Statutes Governing School Nutrition"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6601-A in the first indented paragraph in the 16th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "school" the following: 'or other agency making the determination for a student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
School Finance and Operations Z078**

Initiative: Reduces funding due to the removal of a requirement for an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$250,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	(\$250,000)

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes from the bill the repeal of a provision of education law governing student access to food, collection of student meal debt and use of food as discipline in schools.

The amendment changes the provision regarding data submitted through an Internet-based school meal application. Current law requires that such an application be transmitted

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1 directly to the applicable public school. The amendment adds, as an alternative recipient of
2 the application, another agency making the eligibility determination for free or reduced-
3 price meals.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 2017

LR 2622(02)

An Act to Update Certain Statutes Governing School Nutrition

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-829)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$250,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would remove the requirement for the Department of Education (department) to contract for an internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. The cost of the program is approximately \$250,000 per year. The department may also experience additional minor savings as a result of removing the requirement to collect information on alternative breakfast delivery.