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6. It updates the powers and duties of the center's board and removes provisions related to certificates and grants of diplomas or other duties specific to the center's previous role as a school.
7. It also provides that individual memoranda of understanding may be established to further define enrollment criteria, clarifies student conduct and provides that the center's board may create, maintain and expand site-based programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing children and families to meet the needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children statewide.

### **LD 1679 An Act Regarding Expanding Access to Free School Meals**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 719 requires that public schools accept data submitted through an Internet-based application for free or reduced-priced meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Public Law 2021, chapter 719 also requires the Department of Education to investigate the cost of providing free and reduced-priced meals for publicly funded students at certain private schools approved for tuition purposes who are otherwise ineligible to receive free and reduced-price meals and report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters no later than February 1, 2023.

The substance of the original bill, requiring the State to pay the difference between the federal requirement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price for a breakfast or lunch at no cost to the students who are ineligible for free or reduced-price school meal was incorporated into Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part OOOO.

### **LD 1716 An Act To Ensure Full Payment of the State's Salary Supplement Obligation to Teachers with National Board Certification**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 694 directs the Commissioner of Education to pay annual national board certification salary supplements to school administrative units and publicly supported secondary schools for payment to national board-certified teachers effective July 1, 2023. Funding for these salary supplements comes from credential fees paid by teachers. If these fees are insufficient to fully fund these salary supplements, general purpose aid must be appropriated to fund the balance.