

CHAPTER 45  
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HOUSE BILL            **500**

AN ACT                relative to reducing school food waste and addressing child hunger.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Loughman, Rock. 21; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 22; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7; Rep. Kenney, Straf. 6; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill permits a school to partner with a nonprofit to freeze leftover school food that was never served to send home with children who participate in a free or reduced price meals program.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           45:1 New Section; Powers of School Districts; Reduction of School Food Waste. Amend RSA 194  
2 by inserting after section 3-d the following new section:

3           194:3-e Reduction of School Food Waste. A school may partner with a nonprofit or implement a  
4 program on its own to make leftover school food, that was prepared but never served, into frozen to-  
5 go meals or portions for distribution in compliance with state food safety regulations and Federal  
6 Food and Drug Administration requirements and guidelines. The protections of the Bill Emerson  
7 Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, 42 U.S.C section 1791, shall apply to any participating school.  
8 The school may send such frozen meals or portions home with any child whose family indicates a  
9 desire to participate in such program.

          45:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 17, 2021  
Effective Date: July 16, 2021