

Amendment to HB 572-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs; School Lunch Eligibility. Amend RSA 189:11-a, I to
4 read as follows:

5 I.**(a)** Each school board shall make at least one meal available during school hours to every
6 pupil under its jurisdiction. Such meals shall be served without cost ~~for at a reduced cost to any~~
7 ~~child who meets federal income eligibility guidelines]~~ **to any child whose annual household**
8 **income is less than or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated**
9 **annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human**
10 **Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2).** The state board of education shall ensure compliance
11 with this section and shall establish minimum nutritional standards for such meals as well as
12 income guidelines set for the family size used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price
13 meals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the operation of both a breakfast and lunch program in
14 the same school.

15 **(b) All costs for the school meals program under subparagraph (a) in addition**
16 **to sums allocated under RSA 186:13, XI, shall be funded by disbursements from the**
17 **department of education to the school districts, made from funds appropriated for such**
18 **purpose from the education trust fund. The amount necessary to fund this paragraph is**
19 **hereby appropriated to the department from the education trust fund created under RSA**
20 **198:39. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to**
21 **satisfy the state's obligation under this paragraph.**

22 2 Education Trust Fund; School Meals. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:39, I to
23 read as follows:

24 I. The state treasurer shall establish an education trust fund in the treasury. Moneys in
25 such fund shall not be used for any purpose other than to distribute adequate education grants to
26 municipalities' school districts and to approved charter schools pursuant to RSA 198:42, to provide
27 low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief under RSA 198:56-198:61, to distribute
28 school building aid to school districts and approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 198:15-
29 b, to distribute tuition and transportation funds to school districts for students attending career and
30 technical education programs pursuant to RSA 188-E:9, to distribute special education aid to school
31 districts pursuant to RSA 186-C:18, to fund department of education operating costs for a state

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- 1 student data collection and reporting system, *to fund disbursements for school meals under*
- 2 *RSA 189:11-a*, and to fund kindergarten programs as may be determined by the general court
- 3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect September 1, 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the eligibility for free school meals to household incomes up to 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, and provides funding from the education trust fund for the additional costs.