CONSENT CALENDAR

February 3, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education to which was referred HB 424-FN,

AN ACT relative to school lunch payment policies.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Rick Ladd

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Education**
Bill Number:	**HB 424-FN**
Title:	**relative to school lunch payment policies.**
Date:	**February 3, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would require school boards that provide free or reduced cost meals to refrain from certain actions that could stigmatize a child who requests such a meal. When asked during the hearing process where and if these certain activities that could stigmatize a child are occurring, no factual information as to where and if this is a statewide concern was provided the committee. The committee was informed that students not having a meal are provided a meal, regardless of not having payment at the time. Policy is a local control responsibility, and the Education Committee unanimously recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. While discussing this bill, the committee did receive input from districts that collecting later reimbursement for meals is sometimes very difficult to collect, and in the rare occasion has resulted in debt collection activity.

Vote 20-0.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 424-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to school lunch payment policies.

DATE: February 3, 2023

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Ladd Seconded by Rep. O. Ford Vote: 20-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Arlene Quaratiello, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB424

BILL TITLE: ... School Lunch Payment Policies

DATE: 2/3/23

LOB ROOM: 205-207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☑ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Todd Seconded by Rep. Ford Vote: 20-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Arlene Quarantillo

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2023 SESSION

Education

Bill #: HB424 **Motion:** ITL **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** 2/3/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	20		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	1		
Lekas, Alicia D.	2		
Ford, Oliver J. Clerk	3		
Belcher, Mike S.	4		
Drye, Margaret M.	5		
McDonnell, Valerie E.	6		
Noble, Kristin	7		
Peternel, Katy	8		
Quaratiello, Arlene	9		
Myler, Mel	10		
~~Cornell, Patricia~~ Jane, Connie	11		
Tanner, Linda L.	12		
Luneau, David J.	13		
Ellison, Arthur S.	14		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	15		
~~Hall, Muriel C.~~ Heath, Mary	16		
Balboni, Peggy	17		
S Cascadden, Corinne E.	18		
Damon, Hope	19		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HB424 Date: 1/18/23

Committee: EDUCATION

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Sebastian Fuentes	Thornton NH	6039914687	Rad NH	✓	

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB424 on 2023-01-18

Support: 56 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Horrigan, Timothy	Durham, NH timothyhorrigan@icloud.com	An Elected Official	Strafford 19 (prime sponsor of bill)	Support	No	No	1/16/2023 11:20 AM
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Testimony in Favor of HB 424:

"AN ACT relative to school lunch payment policies."

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 10)
House Education Committee; January 18, 2023

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• prohibit public identification or stigmatization of a student who cannot pay for a meal or who owes a meal debt.
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• require a school to direct communications about a child's meal debt to a parent or guardian and not the student.

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President Glenn Brackett
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January 17th, 2022

The Honorable Members of the New Hampshire House Education Committee
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: House Bills 424 and 429

Dear Honorable Members of the New Hampshire House Education Committee:

I write today to express our support for House Bills 424 (*relative to school lunch payment policies*) and 429 (*requiring the offering of breakfast and lunch in all public and chartered public schools*). As every parent and educator well knows, a hungry child is a child that is unlikely to learn and both of these bills will make hungry children less common in New Hampshire.

According to No Kid Hungry's Center for Best Practices, one in eight children will face hunger this year and one in three teachers will teach hungry children.[1] Research confirms that hungry students are more likely to score lower on standardized tests, repeat a grade, be suspended from school, get sick more often, and be hospitalized more frequently.[2] New Hampshire, the eighth most-affluent state in the nation, has no excuse to allow hunger to derail the education of our school children.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these bills and all the work you do for the citizens of New Hampshire.

[1] http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/research/hunger-and-food-insecurity
[2] http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/playbook/schools/learn-how-hunger#learn-how-hunger-affects-your-school

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

With best regards:



Glenn Brackett
President, New Hampshire AFL-CIO

Paid for by the New Hampshire AFL-CIO, Glenn Brackett, President, 161 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106

Daniel Richardson

Jay Newton

This bill is important because it frees, the child from their parents negligence or inability to pay for their food. It may not be the parents fault, as you know, many people work full time and still cannot afford to feed their children properly - please increase the minimum wage - but the children are definitely not at fault and should not be blamed or embarrassed. Thank you!

Mel Hinebauch

Kids experiencing food insecurity and/or housing insecurity should not be publicly shamed for needing food at school. Hungry kids cannot learn. Please make sure it is safe and accepted to accept food at school, and end the stigma.

Josh Corringham

What a sad state of affairs that we even have to debate this. School lunch debt should not be a thing. We'll be watching and remembering those who oppose.

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HB 424-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0294
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HOUSE BILL ***424-FN***

AN ACT relative to school lunch payment policies.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 10; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires school boards that provide free or reduced cost meals to refrain from certain actions that could stigmatize a child who requests such a meal.

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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.

HB 424-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to school lunch payment policies.

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

1 New Paragraphs; Free and Reduced Cost Meals; Anti-Stigmatization Practices. Amend RSA 189:11-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

IX. Each school board that makes meals available at no cost or at a reduced cost shall:

(a) Prohibit public identification or stigmatization of a student who cannot pay for a meal or who owes a meal debt.

(b) Prohibit a child who cannot pay for a meal or who owes a meal debt from doing chores or other work to pay for meals, unless chores or other work are required of all students.

(c) Require a school to direct communications about a child's meal debt to a parent or guardian and not the student. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school from sending a student home with a letter addressed to a parent or guardian, provided that the letter shall not be distributed to the child in a manner that stigmatizes the child.

X. Any school that participates in the National School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program shall not provide to any child who qualifies for a free or reduced price breakfast or lunch an alternate meal that is not provided to students generally.

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

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23-0294
1/4/23

HB 424-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to school lunch payment policies.

FISCAL IMPACT: [ ] State [ ] County [X] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
LOCAL:	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill relates to school district lunch payment policies. The Department of Education states it does not possess specific information on each district's current policies and therefore is unable to estimate this bill's impact, if any, on local district expenditures to ensure compliance.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education