

Sen. Fenton, Dist 10
Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
Sen. Lang, Dist 2
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Floor Amendment to HB 1499-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to additional grounds for eviction under the landlord and tenant statute,
4 relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students
5 during school hours, and reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no
6 cost and making an appropriation therefor.
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8 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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10 3 New Paragraphs; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a by inserting after
11 paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

12 IX. Each school board may vote to raise eligibility for free meals to 200 percent of the federal
13 poverty level. Meals served to students who meet the federal income eligibility guidelines shall
14 continue to be reimbursed in accordance with federal law and regulations. Meals not reimbursed in
15 accordance with federal law and regulations shall be reimbursed by the state of New Hampshire at a
16 rate that covers 50 percent of the difference between the federal rate for a free meal and a reduced
17 price meal, or the difference between a free meal and a paid meal. The remainder of the costs shall
18 be covered by the local district.

19 X.(a) The department of education shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A requiring school
20 districts that opt into the optional program pursuant to paragraph IX to offer both online and
21 physical applications for free school meals.

22 (b) The department of education shall provide administrative or technical assistance to
23 school districts establishing an online application for free or reduced-price school meals, and whose
24 school meal programs are approved to operate through the United States Department of Agriculture.

25 (c) School districts eligible for administrative or technical assistance or funding under
26 this section shall be those approved to operate federal school meal programs through the United
27 States Department of Agriculture and accepted by the department of education to participate in this
28 expansion of free and reduced lunch benefits.

29 4 Appropriation; Department of Education; Food and Nutrition Program.

30 I. The amount of \$107,000 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium
31 ending June 30, 2027, for administrative costs related to providing administrative or technical
32 assistance to school districts establishing an online application for free or reduced-price school

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1 meals. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury
2 not otherwise appropriated.

3 II. The amount of \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium
4 ending June 30, 2027, for disbursement to school districts to be reimbursed at a 50 percent rate
5 pursuant to RSA 189:11-a, X(a) and to purchase software related to the establishment of an online
6 application for free or reduced-price school meals. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for
7 said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8 5 Effective Date.

9 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

10 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows eviction if a tenant uses someone else's personal information to obtain the rental or if the tenant or an occupant has certain criminal convictions, including improper entry as a non-citizen or a conviction requiring registration as a sexual offender or offender against children. The landlord cannot use a conviction disclosed in writing before the start of the tenancy as grounds for eviction.

II. Authorizes school boards to raise eligibility for free meals, requires the department of education to reimburse schools who raise eligibility, and provides an appropriation therefor.