

Amendment to HB 1727

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

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3 AN ACT relative to student data sharing for the Summer EBT program.

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

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7 1 New Paragraph; Food and Nutrition Programs; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 189:11 by
8 inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

9 IV.(a) Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1762, school districts and school administrative units
10 (SAUs) shall provide the department of health and human services with the name, date of birth, and
11 household address of each student eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the purpose of
12 automatic enrollment in the Summer EBT program.

13 (b) School districts and SAUs shall provide a distinct notice and opt-out form to the
14 parent or guardian of each student concurrently with the annual application for free and reduced-
15 price meals. If the application is provided in a paper format, the opt-out form shall be a separate
16 physical insert. If provided electronically, the opt-out mechanism shall be a prominent, separate
17 step within the process.

18 (c) If a student is determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals and the parent or
19 guardian has not returned the opt-out form, the student shall be automatically enrolled in the
20 Summer EBT program.

21 2 New Section; Department of Health and Human Services; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 161 by
22 inserting after section 14 the following new section:

23 161:15 Summer EBT Implementation.

24 I. The department of health and human services shall establish and maintain a secure
25 electronic mechanism to receive student data from school districts and school administrative units
26 (SAUs) for the purpose of Summer EBT enrollment.

27 II. The department shall provide standardized language for the notice and opt-out form
28 required under RSA 189:11, IV. The notice shall inform parents that completing the school meal
29 application may result in automatic Summer EBT enrollment unless they affirmatively opt out.

30 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a system for automatic enrollment of eligible students into the Summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) program, unless their parent or guardian opts out.