

Floor Amendment to SB 526-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to school food and nutrition programs.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 School Boards; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, I to read as follows:

8 I. Each school board shall make [a] **at least one** meal available during school hours to
9 every pupil under its jurisdiction. Such meals shall be served without cost or at a reduced cost to
10 any [needy] child who [~~is unable to pay the full cost of said meals~~] **meets federal income**
11 **eligibility guidelines**. The state board of education shall insure compliance with this section and
12 shall establish minimum nutritional standards for such meals and shall further establish income
13 guidelines setting forth the minimum family size annual income levels to be used in determining
14 eligibility for free and reduced price meals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the operation of
15 both a breakfast and lunch program in the same school. Further any requirement of this section
16 which conflicts with any federal statute or regulation may be waived by the state board of
17 education.

18 2 School Boards; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VII(b) to read as follows:

19 (b) Such school which demonstrates to the department of education that an approved
20 school wellness policy, as required under the [~~Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of~~
21 ~~2004~~], **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act 42, U.S.C. section 1758b** is in effect,
22 and that such school is providing breakfast meals to pupils that meet or exceed the United States
23 Department of Agriculture's child nutrition criteria may apply for and receive a 3 cent
24 reimbursement for each breakfast meal served to a pupil. The department of education shall
25 request biennial appropriations in an amount sufficient to meet projected school breakfast
26 reimbursements. The department of education shall prescribe forms as necessary under this
27 paragraph. **In addition to the \$.03 state reimbursement for each breakfast served to all**
28 **pupils, the department of education shall request biennial appropriations equal to the**
29 **difference between the reduced and free federal reimbursement rates for breakfast so that**
30 **pupils eligible for reduced price meals are offered breakfast at no cost.**

31 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires schools to make at least one free or reduced cost meal available to children who meet federal eligibility guidelines. The bill also directs the department of education to request an appropriation sufficient to provide a free breakfast to students eligible for reduced cost meals.