

Sen. Whitley, Dist 15
Sen. Bradley, Dist 3
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Floor Amendment to HB 1278-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to qualifying medical conditions for purposes of therapeutic cannabis; and
4 relative to the summer EBT program, the SNAP elderly simplified application and
5 the school lunch program and making appropriations therefor.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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9 3 New Subparagraph; Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VII by
10 inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

11 (c) Such school which demonstrates to the department of education that an approved
12 school wellness policy, as required under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law
13 111-296, and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. section 1758b is in effect,
14 and that such school is providing lunch meals to pupils that meet or exceed the United States
15 Department of Agriculture's child nutrition criteria may apply for and receive a reimbursement for
16 each lunch meal served to a pupil and an additional reimbursement for each meal served to students
17 eligible for a reduced price meal. The department of education shall request biennial appropriations
18 in an amount sufficient to meet projected school lunch reimbursements to ensure students eligible
19 for reduced price meals are offered lunch at no cost. The department of education shall prescribe
20 forms as necessary under this subparagraph.

21 4 New Paragraphs; Human Service; Summer EBT and Elderly Simplified Application. Amend
22 RSA 161:2 by inserting after paragraph XIII-b the following new paragraphs:

23 XIII-c. Summer EBT. The department shall apply for and meet all deadlines to participate
24 in the federal Summer EBT program so that families whose children are eligible for free and reduced
25 price meals can receive benefits on an EBT card in the summer. The department shall include in its
26 biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any administrative costs related to administering
27 the federal Summer EBT program.

28 XIII-d. Elderly Simplified Application. The department shall apply for and participate in
29 the elderly simplified application project within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
30 (SNAP). The department shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any
31 administrative costs related to administering the SNAP elderly simplified application.

32 5 Appropriations.

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1 I. The sum of \$143,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
2 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding personnel costs associated with
3 the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act. The department may contract with
4 external resources, fill unfunded positions, or take other appropriate actions to facilitate the
5 administrative support required under the provisions of this bill. The governor is authorized to draw
6 a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

7 II. The sum of \$55,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
8 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding systems and technology costs
9 associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of
10 2024. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury
11 not otherwise appropriated.

12 III. The sum of \$667,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
13 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding systems and technology
14 costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of
15 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury
16 not otherwise appropriated.

17 IV. The sum of \$82,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
18 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding transaction fees in the issuance
19 of EBT costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the
20 summer of 2024. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
21 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

22 V. The sum of \$82,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
23 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding transaction fees in the issuance
24 of EBT costs associated with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the
25 summer of 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
26 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

27 VI. The sum of \$10,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the
28 department of health and human services for the purpose of funding one-time set-up costs associated
29 with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of 2025. The
30 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
31 otherwise appropriated.

32 VII. The sum of \$25,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
33 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding outreach costs associated
34 with the summer EBT program established by section 1 of this act for the summer of 2025. The
35 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
36 otherwise appropriated.

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1 VIII. The sum of \$37,500 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to
2 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding technology costs associated
3 with the SNAP elderly simplified application established by section 1 of this act. The governor is
4 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
5 appropriated.

6 IX. In addition to the appropriations contained in paragraphs I through VIII of this section,
7 the department of health and human services may accept and expend matching federal funds
8 without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court for this purpose.

9 X. For the purpose of funding RSA 189:11-a, VII(c) as inserted by section 3 of this act, the
10 sum necessary to provide school reimbursement for the free and reduced priced meal program is
11 appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. The governor is
12 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
13 appropriated.

14 6 Effective Date.

15 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

16 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds debilitating or terminal medical conditions to the qualifying medical conditions for therapeutic cannabis if a health care provider certifies the potential benefit to the patient. The bill also removes certain limitations on a qualifying visiting patient's access to cannabis.

This bill further directs the department of health and human services to participate in the federal summer EBT program and the SNAP elderly simplified application program and makes appropriations to the department for this purpose. The bill also provides reimbursement through the department of education to schools providing free and reduced priced lunch meals to students.