

Amendment to HB 1574-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the extension of the free and reduced price breakfast and lunch programs  
4 and supporting administrative costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
5 Program (SNAP), and making appropriations therefor.  
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7 Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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9 3 Appropriation; Department of Education. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$80,000 for  
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to the department of education for the purpose of implementing and  
11 administering the extended school meal eligibility and reimbursement program established under  
12 this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the  
13 state's obligation under this act the amount not otherwise appropriated.  
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15 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original section 5 to  
16 read as 6:

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18 5 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services.

19 I. The general court recognizes the importance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
20 Program (SNAP) and its vital role in the state to reduce food insecurity. On July 4, 2025, Pub. L.  
21 119-21 was signed into law, which changed the federal cost share contribution for administrative  
22 costs to support state operations from 50 percent to 25 percent. New Hampshire's operating budget  
23 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is projected to experience a \$4,400,000 general fund impact  
24 as a result of the change in policy at the federal level. Due to the timing of the federal legislation,  
25 the legislature did not have an opportunity to address budgetary impacts.

26 II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of  
27 \$4,400,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of supporting the  
28 administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the  
29 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
30 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes school boards to extend free and reduced meal program eligibility for students with an individualized education program (IEP) that are already age 21 but attending school until the age of 22.

II. Directs the state to reimburse school boards from the general fund for free and reduced price meals for such eligible students.

III. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of supporting administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).