

Amendment to SB 531-FN

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a task force to study the feasibility of the creation of cosmetology related
4 programming in Coos County and requiring the reporting of student meal debt by
5 school districts and public chartered schools to the department of education.

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7 Amend RSA 188-E:1 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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9 188-E:1 Designation of Regional Centers and Programs. The commissioner, department of
10 education, is hereby authorized and directed to designate high schools, and public academies as
11 defined in RSA 194:23, II, offering career and technical education programs as career and technical
12 education centers. In instances where it is educationally and economically feasible to do so, the
13 commissioner may designate individual career and technical education programs in other than the
14 career and technical education centers as regional programs. *This may include programs*
15 *located on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New*
16 *Hampshire (CCSNH) campuses and programs jointly established by career and technical*
17 *education centers and the university system of New Hampshire or CCSNH. An out-of-state*
18 *school or program may be designated, when it is in the best interest of the state, as a part of the New*
19 *Hampshire regional career and technical education plan.*

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21 Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to
22 read as 5:

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24 4 Food and Nutrition Programs; School Lunch Meal Payments; Debt Reporting Requirement
25 Added. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VIII to read as follows:

26 VIII.(a) A school lunch meal payment policy which is implemented by a school board either
27 before or after the effective date of this section shall ensure that all students have access to a
28 healthy school lunch, that the school district will make every reasonable effort to inform parents of
29 the policy, and that no student will be subject to different treatment from the standard school lunch
30 meal or school cafeteria procedures. The department of education or the state board of education,
31 upon request of the local school board, may provide communication assistance to school districts and
32 parents of school children regarding the school lunch meal payment policy.

1 ***(b) Each school district and chartered public school shall maintain accurate***
2 ***annual records of all student meal debt accrued within the district or chartered public***
3 ***school and shall submit such records to the department of education in the manner and***
4 ***form prescribed by the department. For purposes of this subparagraph:***

5 ***(1) "Student meal debt" means aggregate debt arising solely from meals***
6 ***provided to students through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and***
7 ***Nutrition Service program or meals served pursuant to this section.***

8 ***(2) "Student meal debt" shall not include debt resulting from a la carte***
9 ***purchases, snacks, beverages, or any other non-meal items. Such non-meal items shall not***
10 ***be included in the aggregate student meal debt reported to the department of education;***
11 ***provided, however, that such debt shall still be recorded and maintained by each school***
12 ***district and chartered public school.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a task force to report on the feasibility of creating cosmetology related programming within Coos County.

II. Extends programming on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New Hampshire campuses to qualify as career and technical education programs as determined by the commissioner of the department of education.

III. Requires school districts and public chartered schools to maintain accurate annual records of student meal debt and to submit such records to the department of education.

The bill is a request of the department of education.