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Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 463 the following and renumbering the original section 464
2 to read as 470:

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4 464 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public
5 Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek
6 participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid
7 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health
8 and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and
9 implementing this new direct certification methodology.

10 465 Department of Health and Human Services; Free And Reduced Meal Program. The
11 department of health and human services shall provide Medicaid applicants the option to
12 automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program, if income eligibility
13 is met, to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid
14 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Participants shall only be opted into
15 such program if the participants consent on their application.

16 466 Education; School Money; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The
17 department of education shall divide each pupil eligible for a free or reduced-price meal by the
18 average daily membership in residence (ADMR), as defined in RSA 198:38, I-a(a), for each district
19 and town for the 2025-2026 school year. The resulting percentage shall be applied to the ADMR for
20 the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years to establish a new calculation of ADMR for which pupils
21 are eligible for a free or reduced price meal, and shall be used to calculate differential aid under RSA
22 198:40-a, II(b) and extraordinary need grants under RSA 198:40-f.

23 467 Contingency. Section 466 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of
24 education's participation in Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid
25 has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the commissioner of
26 the department of education provides notice of such to the secretary of state and the director of the
27 office of legislative services. If the application is not approved, section 466 of this act shall not take
28 effect.

29 468 Prospective Repeal. Sections 464, 465, and 466 of this act, relative to participation in the
30 Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid, are repealed.

31 469 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Section 466 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 467 of this act.
- 2 II. Section 468 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.
- 3 III. Sections 464 and 465 of this act take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Requires the department of education to seek participation in the Medicaid direct certification methodology for school meals program for free and reduced price meals for students in public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.
2. Requires the department of health and human services to provide Medicaid applicants the option to automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program in order to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid.
3. Changes the calculation of differential aid and extraordinary need grants for students eligible for a free or reduced price meal for the 2027-2028 school year.