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HOUSE BILL **1727**

AN ACT relative to student data sharing for the Summer EBT program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a system for automatic enrollment of eligible students into the Summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) program, unless their parent or guardian opts out.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to student data sharing for the Summer EBT program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Food and Nutrition Programs; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 189:11 by
2 inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3 IV.(a) Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1762, school districts and school administrative units
4 (SAUs) shall provide the department of health and human services with the name, date of birth, and
5 household address of each student eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the purpose of
6 automatic enrollment in the Summer EBT program.

7 (b) School districts and SAUs shall provide a distinct notice and opt-out form to the
8 parent or guardian of each student concurrently with the annual application for free and reduced-
9 price meals. If the application is provided in a paper format, the opt-out form shall be a separate
10 physical insert. If provided electronically, the opt-out mechanism shall be a prominent, separate
11 step within the process.

12 (c) If a student is determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals and the parent or
13 guardian has not returned the opt-out form, the student shall be automatically enrolled in the
14 Summer EBT program.

15 2 New Section; Department of Health and Human Services; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 161 by
16 inserting after section 14 the following new section:

17 161:15 Summer EBT Implementation.

18 I. The department of health and human services shall establish and maintain a secure
19 electronic mechanism to receive student data from school districts and school administrative units
20 (SAUs) for the purpose of Summer EBT enrollment.

21 II. The department shall provide standardized language for the notice and opt-out form
22 required under RSA 189:11, IV. The notice shall inform parents that completing the school meal
23 application may result in automatic Summer EBT enrollment unless they affirmatively opt out.

24 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1727- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to the inter-agency data sharing for the purpose of distributing summer electronic benefit transfer (EBT) benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Health and Human Services states this bill will have no fiscal impact, as it already has a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Education relative to implementation of the Summer EBT program.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services