

SB 293-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **293-FN**

AN ACT relative to using enrollment in Medicaid as a measure of eligibility for school lunches.

SPONSORS: Sen. Long, Dist 20; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11

COMMITTEE: Education Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Expands the meaning of pupil as it pertains to school funding.
- II. Increases funding for schools who have pupils enrolled in Medicaid.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Education; School Money; Definitions. Amend RSA 198:38, VII to read as follows:

2 VII. [~~"Pupils eligible for a free or reduced-price meal"~~] **"Economically disadvantaged**
3 **pupil"** means pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 who are eligible for the federal free or
4 reduced-price meal program **or enrolled in Medicaid and whose household income would**
5 **qualify them for the federal free or reduced-price meal program.** No pupil or school shall be
6 required to participate in the federal free or reduced price meal program. **No pupil or family shall**
7 **be required to participate in Medicaid.**

8 2 Education; School Money; Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education.

9 Amend RSA 198:40-a, II(b) to read as follows:

10 (b) An additional \$2,300 for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free or reduced
11 price meal anytime during the determination year **or enrolled in Medicaid and whose**
12 **household income would qualify them for the federal free or reduced-price meal program;**
13 plus

14 3 Education; School Money; Extraordinary Need Grants. Amend RSA 198:40-f, I to read as
15 follows:

16 I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under
17 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools
18 and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

19 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per **economically disadvantaged** pupil
20 [~~eligible to receive a free or reduced-priced meal~~] of \$1,664,640 or less shall receive \$11,500 per
21 **economically disadvantaged** pupil [~~eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal~~] in the
22 municipality's ADMR.

23 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per **economically disadvantaged** pupil
24 [~~eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal~~] between \$1,664,641 and \$6,866,639 shall receive a
25 grant equal to \$0.00221 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per
26 **economically disadvantaged** pupil [~~eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal~~] and
27 \$6,866,640, per **economically disadvantaged** pupil [~~eligible to receive a free or reduced-price~~
28 ~~meal~~] in the municipality's ADMR.

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1 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per *economically disadvantaged* pupil
2 ~~[eligible to receive a free or reduced price meal]~~ of \$6,866,640 or more shall not receive an
3 extraordinary need grant.

4 4 Education; School Money; Extraordinary Need Grants. Amend RSA 198:40-f, IV to read as
5 follows:

6 IV. In this section, "equalized valuation per *economically disadvantaged* pupil ~~[eligible to~~
7 ~~receive a free or reduced price meal]~~" means a municipality's equalized valuation as determined by
8 the department of revenue administration, that was the basis for the local tax assessment in the
9 determination year, divided by the school district's kindergarten through grade 12 ADMR ~~[in the~~
10 ~~determination year eligible to receive a free or reduced price meal]~~.

11 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 293-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from the Department of Education. The Department was contacted on 1/14/25 for a fiscal note worksheet. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the Senate Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education