

Amended to Amended -- relative to the extension of the free and reduced price breakfast and lunch programs and supporting administrative costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and making appropriations therefor.

HB 1574-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE ~~SENATE~~HOUSE 19Feb2026...

Education Funding ??? AMENDED ANALYSIS This bill extends breakfast and lunch aid for all students that are the age of 21 who previously qualified for the National School Lunch Program or National School Breakfast Program at the age of 20. The bill also permits participating schools as eligible to receive reimbursements for school breakfasts and lunches that are provided to qualifying students and makes an appropriation for such purpose.

~~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.~~

~~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).~~

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0632h ~~05/14/2026 1607s~~ 26-2877 12/08 STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six AN ACT relative to the extension of ~~the~~ free and reduced price breakfast and lunch ~~programs for~~ and students supporting under ~~administrative costs for the Supplemental~~ age Nutrition of Assistance ~~Program (SNAP), and making appropriations~~ an appropriation therefor.

(d) The department of education shall include, in its biennial budget and in each subsequent budget submission, a specific request for funding sufficient to carry out the provisions of ~~HB 1574 FN AS~~ ~~AMENDED BY THE SENATE~~ ~~Page 2~~ this section.

HB 1574-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE - Page 2 - (e) The state board of education may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the administration of extended breakfast and lunch aid under this paragraph.

3 ~~Appropriation;~~ Appropriation.

Department There is hereby appropriated the sum of Education, \$80,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to the department of education for the purpose of implementing and administering the extended school meal eligibility and reimbursement program established under this act The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this act the amount not otherwise appropriated.

~~There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$80,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to the department of education for the purpose of implementing and administering the extended school meal eligibility and reimbursement program established under this act.~~

~~The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this act the amount not otherwise appropriated.~~

5 ~~Appropriation;~~ Effective Date.

~~Department of Health and Human Services.~~

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~~The general court recognizes the importance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and its vital role in the state to reduce food insecurity.~~

~~On July 4, 2025, Pub.~~

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~~119-21 was signed into law, which changed the federal cost share contribution for administrative costs to support state operations from 50 percent to 25 percent.~~

~~New Hampshire's operating budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is projected to experience a \$4,400,000 general fund impact as a result of the change in policy at the federal level.~~

~~Due to the timing of the federal legislation, the legislature did not have an opportunity to address budgetary impacts.~~

~~II.~~

~~There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$4,400,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of supporting the administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).~~

~~The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.~~

~~6 Effective Date.~~

~~LBA 26-2877 05/21/202603/20/2026 HB 1574-FN- FISCAL NOTE AS AMENDED BY THE SENATEHOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-1607s)#2026-0632h) AN ACT relative to the extension of the free and reduced price breakfast and lunch programs for and students supporting under administrative costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and making appropriations an appropriation therefor.~~

~~Estimated State Impact FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 Revenue \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Revenue Fund(s) None \$4.4 Expenditures* million \$0 (DHHS) Up to \$145,000 Up Per to Year \$145,000 Funding Expenditures* Source(s) Education Trust Fund Education Trust Fund Statutory Open Warrant for Reimbursements Appropriations* \$0 Per General Year Fund (DOE) \$80,000 Per in Year FY (DOE) 2027 Up for to Implementation/Admin \$145,000 Costs Per (Department Year Identified (DOE) No Applicable Costs) Funding Source(s) Education General Trust Fund and Education Trust Fund Statutory* Expenditure Open Warrant Cost for of Reimbursements bill General* Appropriation Fund= Appropriations* Authorized \$0 funding \$4.4 to million cover in cost of bill Estimated Political Subdivision Impact FY 2026 FY 2027 for FY DHHS 2028 SNAP FY administrative 2029 costs; Local Revenue \$0 Up to \$145,000 Per Year Local Expenditures \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 METHODOLOGY:~~

~~\$80,000 This in bill, FY effective 2027 July for 1, DOE 2026 Implementation/Admin (for Costs the (Department 2026-2027 Identified School Year), Applicable expands Costs) eligibility Funding for Source(s) free General or Fund reduced-price and school Education breakfasts Trust and Fund lunches *Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover students cost who of are billage Estimated 21 Political if Subdivision they Impact were FY eligible 2026 for FY the 2027 federal FY meal 2028 programs FY at 2029 age Local 20. Revenue \$0 Up to \$145,000 Per Year Local Expenditures \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 METHODOLOGY:~~

~~Sections These 1-4 students of remain this eligible bill, until effective they July turn 1, 22, 2026 graduate, (for withdraw, the or 2026-2027 complete school their year), educational expands program School eligibility districts for and free chartered or public reduced-price schools school may breakfasts receive and federal lunches reimbursement to first, students with who state are reimbursement age available 21 only if for they meals were not eligible for the federal meal funding. programs at age 20.~~

~~These students remain eligible until they turn 22, graduate, withdraw, or complete their educational program.~~

~~School districts and chartered public schools may receive federal reimbursement first, with state reimbursement available only for meals not eligible for federal funding.~~

~~In addition, the this bill makes a general fund appropriation of \$80,000 in FY 2027 to implement and administer the program.~~

~~Section 5 of the bill appropriates \$4.4 million to the Department of Health and Human Services in FY 2027 for the purpose of funding the increasing state share of administrative costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).~~

~~Currently, the state share of administrative costs is 50 percent, while the remaining 50 percent is funded with federal dollars.~~

~~Under federal law (specifically, Public Law 110-21, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"), the state share will increase to 75 percent effective October 1, 2026.~~

~~SNAP benefits themselves (as distinct from administrative costs) are and will remain fully federally funded.~~

~~In previous correspondence with the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant (LBA), the Department noted that in federal fiscal year 2024, federal SNAP benefits distributed to NH residents totaled \$154.3 million, while in state fiscal year 2025, SNAP administrative costs totaled \$24.4 million.~~

~~SNAP administrative costs therefore equated to approximately 15.8 percent of benefit costs over these overlapping periods.~~

~~The Department noted that administrative costs "...are comprehensive and represent direct salaries, allocated costs to supervisors, travel, telecom, contracts, IT costs/systems, facilities, and other related costs." As noted above, the state share of administrative costs will soon increase from 50 percent to 75 percent.~~

~~On an annual basis, then, the state's share of the \$24.4 million cost will rise from \$12.2 million to \$18.3 million, an increase of \$6.1 million.~~

~~Since the increase will not take effect until October 1, 2026, the state's share will increase by approximately \$4.6 million for the remaining nine months of the FY26/27 biennium.~~

~~It is the LBA's understanding that the \$4.4 million appropriation contained in the amendment reflects the amount requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

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