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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 620, L.D. 1684, Bill, “An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any Child in Maine's Public Schools”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Meals in Public Schools'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 11 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 11

FOOD RIGHTS

§6681. Access to food and use of food discipline

1. Serving of reimbursable meals. A public school that provides meals under the National School Lunch Program to students pursuant to subchapter 7 or otherwise provides to students meals eligible for reimbursement under a program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture shall provide such a meal to a student who requests the meal and is otherwise eligible for the meal regardless of the student's ability to pay for the school meal or failure in the past to pay for school meals.

2. Student privacy required. A public school may not openly identify or otherwise stigmatize a student who cannot pay for a meal or who has payments due for previous meals.

3. Required communications. A public school's communications about a student's meal debts must be made directly to the parent or guardian of the student with no involvement of the student.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

