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SYNOPSIS

Directs NJ Department of Agriculture to request necessary waivers from US Department of Agriculture to provide food and meals during school closures due to COVID-19 public health emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain school food and meal programs
2 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture and
3 supplementing P.L.2018, c.28 (C.18A:33-24 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. Due to the public health-related school closures during the
9 COVID-19 public health emergency, the Department of Agriculture
10 shall request from the United States Department of Agriculture the
11 following waivers to authorize participating schools or other
12 providers to:

13 (1) extend the implementation of the Summer Food Service
14 Program throughout the calendar year;

15 (2) provide emergency food, non-congregate feeding services,
16 and grab-and-go meals with no time restrictions under the Summer
17 Food Service Program, the federal Child and Adult Care Food
18 Program, or any other child and adult community food programs
19 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

20 (3) offer food, meals, and other services under the Summer
21 Food Service Program and the federal Child and Adult Care Food
22 Program on the grounds of a school, notwithstanding any
23 restrictions otherwise imposed on providing those programs and
24 services on school grounds.

25 b. A school that does not provide services pursuant to the
26 programs listed in subsection a. of this section on the effective date
27 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
28 may request from the Department of Agriculture the necessary
29 waiver to become a participating school. A participating school
30 may coordinate with the school district to use the distribution sites
31 and methods established pursuant to P.L.2020, c.6 (C.18A:33-27.2
32 et seq.).

33 c. As used in this section, “participating school” means a
34 school that provides food and meals through the Summer Food
35 Service Program or the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program,
36 or any other child and adult community food programs administered
37 by the United States Department of Agriculture.
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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, due to the public
45 health-related school closures during the COVID-19 public health
46 emergency, to request from the United States Department of
47 Agriculture the necessary waivers to authorize participating schools
48 or providers to:

- 1 1) extend the implementation of the Summer Food Service
2 Program throughout the calendar year;
- 3 2) provide emergency food, non-congregate feeding services,
4 and grab-and-go meals with no time restrictions under the Summer
5 Food Service Program, the federal Child and Adult Care Food
6 Program, or any other child and adult community food programs
7 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- 8 3) offer food, meals or other services through any of those
9 programs on the grounds of a school, notwithstanding any
10 restrictions otherwise imposed on providing the programs and
11 services on school grounds.
- 12 The bill defines “participating school” as a school that provides
13 food and meals through the Summer Food Service Program, the
14 federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, or any other child and
15 adult community food programs administered by the United States
16 Department of Agriculture.