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S.F. No. 28 – Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Application Deadline (Seventh Special Session)

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Section 1. Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Application Deadline; Fall 2020 Count.

Paragraph (a) extends the deadline for school districts and charter schools to determine a student's eligibility for free and reduced-price meals for purposes of calculating compensatory revenue for the 2021-2022 school year only, from December 15, 2020, to January 4, 2021.

Paragraph (b) requires school districts and charter schools to report the number of students who were determined eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the extended reporting period in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to certify the amount of compensatory revenue attributable to the students who were determined eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the extended reporting period.

Section 2. Federal Funds Replacement; Appropriation.

Subd. 1. Suspension of statutory authority. Suspends section 4.07, subdivision 3, relating to state agency appropriation of federal funds for any portion of federal funds related to COVID-19 received by the state between this act's effective date and June 30, 2023, if section 1 is an eligible expenditure of federal funds. Prohibits this portion of federal funds from being used for any purposes other than those listed in this section.

Subd. 2. General education reduction. Modifies the annual appropriation of general education aid if the state receives federal funds for COVID-19 between the date the act is enacted and June 30, 2023, and section 1 qualifies as an eligible use of the federal funds. Directs the commissioner to reduce general education aid for school districts and charter schools in proportion to the amount of compensatory revenue certified under section 1. Requires the state general education aid reduction to be equal to the amount of federal funds available for appropriation, but not to exceed the amount certified under section 1.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. Appropriates federal funds to school districts and charter schools to be used for compensatory revenue in an equal amount to the general education aid reduction made under subdivision 2. Makes the federal funds a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 4. Expiration. States that this section expires after the general education aid has been reduced and federal funds have been appropriated in place of the reduction.