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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to summer food service for
3 children; creating s. 228.197, F.S.; creating
4 the "Children's Summer Nutrition Act";
5 requiring the Department of Education to
6 develop a plan for providing access to the
7 federal Summer Food Service Program; requiring
8 specified elementary schools to participate in
9 the program; authorizing a waiver under certain
10 circumstances; providing responsibilities of
11 superintendents of schools, school districts,
12 and the department; providing an effective
13 date.

15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

17 Section 1. Section 228.197, Florida Statutes, is
18 created to read:

19 228.197 Children's Summer Nutrition Act.--

20 (1) This section may be cited as the "Children's
21 Summer Nutrition Act."

22 (2) The Food and Nutrition Management Section of the
23 Department of Education shall develop a plan to ensure that,
24 by the summer of 2003, children living near elementary schools
25 in which 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for
26 free or reduced-price school meals will have access to the
27 federal Summer Food Service Program. The department shall
28 designate a member of its administrative staff to coordinate
29 the activities required by this section.

30 (3) The plan shall require participation in the Summer
31 Food Service Program, which must operate for at least 40 days

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2 at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or
3 reduced-price school meals during the 2002-2003 school year.
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5 on free and reduced-price school meal eligibility to determine
6 those elementary schools in each school district that meet the
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8 information to each superintendent of schools by November 30,
9 2002.
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11 district shall have responsibility for implementation of the
12 plan for participation in the Summer Food Service Program. By
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14 department its intent to participate in the Summer Food
15 Service Program during the following summer in each of its
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17 miles of an eligible school or shall request from the
18 department a waiver of such requirement. A waiver may be
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20 that an alternate provider already sponsors the Summer Food
21 Service Program within a 5-mile radius of the school for 40
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23 School Lunch Program during the summer months. Such a waiver
24 shall be valid for a period of 1 year. A school's
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26 sponsoring, hosting, or vending with the program.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the "Children's Summer Nutrition Act," which requires the Department of Education to develop a plan to ensure that eligible children have access to the federal Summer Food Service Program. Requires specified elementary schools to participate in the program. Authorizes a waiver if certain conditions are met. Provides responsibilities of superintendents of schools, school districts, and the department.