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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to providing nutrition to children;
 providing a popular name; requiring the Food and Nutrition
 Management Office of the Department of Education to
 develop a plan for providing, in each school district,
 summer food programs that serve children who qualify for
 free or reduced-price lunches during the school year;
 providing requirements of the department and of the
 superintendent of schools; requiring the school districts
 to report to the department annually; providing an
 effective date.

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

Section 1. Children's Summer Nutrition Act.--

(1) This section shall be known by the popular name the
"Children's Summer Nutrition Act."

(2) The Food and Nutrition Management Office of the
Department of Education shall develop a plan to ensure that, by
the summer of 2005, at least one summer food program shall
operate in each school district for at least 40 days during the
summer months within 5 miles of an elementary school at which 50
percent or more of the students are eligible for free or
reduced-price school meals. The department shall designate a
person on its administrative staff who shall coordinate
activities to implement this subsection.

(3) The plan shall also require all school districts to
ensure that, by the summer of 2006, there is a summer food site
within 10 miles of each elementary school at which 50 percent or

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30 more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price
31 school meals.

32 (4) The department shall use the October school indicator
33 report on eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals to
34 determine which elementary schools in each school district meet
35 the criteria set forth in subsections (2) and (3). The
36 department shall provide such information to each superintendent
37 of schools by November 30 of each year.

38 (5) The superintendent of schools in each school district,
39 in collaboration with local county government and private,
40 nonprofit leaders, shall implement the plan to ensure access to
41 the Summer Food Service Program. Although schools have proven to
42 be the optimal sites for a summer food program, any nonprofit
43 organization may serve as a site or sponsor. By May 15 of each
44 year, each school district shall report to the department the
45 district's summer food sites in compliance with this act.

46 (6) The department shall provide to each school district
47 by February 15 of each year a list of local organizations that
48 have filed letters of intent to participate, so that the school
49 districts can determine adequate coverage of need and placement
50 of sites.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.