

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Education K-20 recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to providing nutrition to children;  
7 providing a popular name; requiring the Food and Nutrition  
8 Management Office of the Department of Education to  
9 develop a plan for providing, in each school district,  
10 summer food programs that serve children who qualify for  
11 free or reduced-price school meals during the school year;  
12 providing requirements of the department and of the  
13 superintendent of schools; requiring the school districts  
14 to report to the department annually; providing an  
15 effective date.

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

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

20 (1) This section may be referred to by the popular name  
21 the "Children's Summer Nutrition Act."

22 (2) The Food and Nutrition Management Office of the  
23 Department of Education shall develop a plan to ensure that, by

24 | the summer of 2005, at least one summer food program may operate  
 25 | in each school district for at least 40 days during the summer  
 26 | months within 5 miles of an elementary school at which 50  
 27 | percent or more of the students are eligible for free or  
 28 | reduced-price school meals. The department shall designate a  
 29 | person on its administrative staff who shall coordinate  
 30 | activities to implement this subsection.

31 |       (3) The plan may also require all school districts to  
 32 | ensure that, by the summer of 2006, there is a summer food site  
 33 | within 10 miles of each elementary school at which 50 percent or  
 34 | more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price  
 35 | school meals.

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

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

50 |       (6) The department shall provide to each school district  
 51 | by February 15 of each year a list of local organizations that

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52 | have filed letters of intent to participate, so that the school  
53 | districts can determine adequate coverage of need and placement  
54 | of sites.

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