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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to providing nutrition to
3 children; providing a short title; requiring
4 the Food and Nutrition Management Office of the
5 Department of Education to develop a plan for
6 providing, in each school district, summer food
7 programs that serve children who qualify for
8 free or reduced-price lunches during the school
9 year; providing requirements of the department
10 and of the superintendent of schools; requiring
11 the school districts to report to the
12 department annually; providing an effective
13 date.

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

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

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

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

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

1 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or
2 reduced-price school meals.

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

9 (5) The superintendent of schools in each school
10 district, in collaboration with local county government and
11 private, nonprofit leaders, shall implement the plan to ensure
12 access to the Summer Food Service Program. Although schools
13 have proven to be the optimal sites for a summer food program,
14 any nonprofit organization may serve as a site or sponsor. By
15 May 15 of each year, each school district shall report to the
16 department the district's summer food sites in compliance with
17 this act.

18 (6) The department shall provide to each school
19 district by February 15 of each year a list of local
20 organizations that have filed letters of intent to
21 participate, so that the school districts can determine
22 adequate coverage of need and placement of sites.

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

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26 SENATE SUMMARY

27 Creates the "Children's Summer Nutrition Act." Requires
28 the Food and Nutrition Management Office of the
29 Department of Education to develop a plan for providing,
30 in each school district, summer food programs that serve
31 children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches
during the school year. Provides requirements of the
department and of the superintendent of schools. Requires
the school districts to report to the department
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