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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Continues the effectiveness of provisions that require school governing authorities to share certain student information with the Dept. of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating the administration of certain federal food assistance programs.

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Requires each public or nonpublic school or other entity participating in a meal program through which students are eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer program or summer electronic benefits transfer program to share student information with the Dept. of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating program administration, including but not limited to the automatic issuance of benefits to eligible families.
- (2) Limits such information to first, middle, and last name; address; date of birth; school site code; and unique identifier of each student eligible for free or reduced price meals at school.
- (3) Excepts any student whose parent chooses not to share information pursuant to the policy of the governing authority of the school or other entity.

Present law provides for the repeal of present law, effective Dec. 31, 2022. Proposed law provides for the continued effectiveness of present law by providing that the repeal of present law shall not become effective.