

Sec. G. SUMMER MEALS TO CHILDREN; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND;

APPROPRIATION

(a) The sum of \$12,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Agency of Education for distribution to Summer Meal Sponsors in fiscal year 2021 for purposes of continuing meal delivery services to children during the months of June, July, and August.

(b) The General Assembly determines that the expenditure of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as set forth in this section is necessary to provide meal delivery services to children, including the preparation, packaging, and delivery of meals, and is due to or resulting from COVID-19 because food insecurity has increased significantly during the pandemic and settings otherwise available to provide meals during the summer months may not be available. This appropriation shall assist in the payment of costs incurred by Sponsors to address one or both of the following:

(1) compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions; or

(2) accommodation of increased participation in the Program due to the increase in number of eligible participants due to the negative economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(c) The provision of summer meals to children is not compensable under this section if the same costs or expenses or any portion thereof have been or will be covered by federal grant.