

## Summer EBT Discussion for Special Session

Friday, November 10, 2023

Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122774967>

### Attendees:

*Representatives Titone, Bird, Bacon, Hamrick, Amabile, Wiessman, Lindsay, Young, Mauro, Epps, Willford, Story, Hernandez, Velasco, and Dickson*

*Senators Zenzinger, Michaelson Jenet, Cutter, and Fields*

*Staff: Karlin Gray, Amara Hobbs, Shannon Schell*

*Stakeholders: Shelley Banker, Anya Rose, Shelbie Konkel, Karla Maraccini, Emily Hanson*

### Meeting Minutes:

- **3:03 pm** Senator Zenzinger convened the meeting.
- **3:05 pm** Senator Zenzinger began a discussion regarding the need to implement the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Program to leverage available federal funds.
- **3:10 pm** Senator Zenzinger shared some background information regarding consideration of running this policy as a JBC bill during the regular session before the Governor issued a call for a special session.
- **3:11pm** Shelly Banker discussed program similarities to the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer which is now a permanent federal program with specific requirements:
  - The state must cover 50% of EBT administrative expenses in order to receive federal fund match
  - Program must fit in scope of department services, giving CDHS the authority to administer the program
  - Data must be collected to issue cards to students and families over the summer
- **3:15pm** Senator Zenzinger opened the floor to a discussion on the bill draft. This conversation included clarifying nuances within the program and when the stakeholding process for the policy began. Members and department staff also discussed program costs and administrative costs, and the bill drafting process. Senator Zenzinger also shared that she pulled a title earlier in the day and expressed a desire for the bill to be sponsored by JBC members given their previous work on the issue.
- **3:29 pm** The meeting adjourned.