

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), in collaboration with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF), to develop and implement a school lunch pilot program, to be administered by the state Dept. of Education (DOE), to assist school and school food service personnel to increase the use of fresh food in school nutrition programs. Requires DOE to select school governing authorities for participation in the program.

New law requires DOE and the LDAF to collaboratively:

- (1) Provide an inventory of food distribution companies to the schools and school districts eligible for participation.
- (2) Disseminate specific procurement guidelines for farmers regarding contracting with schools and school districts and school food safety and liability insurance requirements.
- (3) Consult with university agricultural centers, the La. Farm to School Alliance, and other stakeholders in implementing new law.

New law requires BESE, LDAF, and DOE to utilize existing personnel and resources for the program.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 17:195.2)