

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 14

BY SENATOR MCMATH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Provides relative to nutrition. (See Act)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8), to enact R.S. 17:197.2, Part I-B of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:661 and 662, and Subpart E of Part II of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:290, relative to nutrition; to provide for serving certain foods in schools; to provide for continuing education for certain physician and physician assistants; to provide for disclosure of certain ingredients by manufacturers; to provide for disclosure of seed oil use by food establishments; to provide relative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:197.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§197.2. Ultra processed foods; prohibition

A.(1) No public school governing authority shall serve an ultra processed food to students in schools under its jurisdiction.

(2) No nonpublic school that receives state funds shall serve an ultra processed food to students.

1 the board and made available on the board's website.

2 (b) The board shall require physicians and physician assistants
3 practicing family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and
4 gynecology to complete continuing education on nutrition and metabolic health.
5 The board shall adopt rules to determine the number of hours, frequency, and
6 content of the continuing education provided for in this Subparagraph.

7 Section 3. Part I-B of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
8 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:661 and 662, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART I-B. DISCLOSURE OF HARMFUL INGREDIENTS

10 §661. Food containing artificial colors, additives, or banned chemicals; warning
11 label

12 A. A food manufacturer shall label each product the manufacturer offers
13 for sale with a warning label disclosing the use of any of the following
14 ingredients in a product intended for human consumption:

15 (1) Acesulfame potassium.

16 (2) Acetylated esters of mono- and diglycerides (acetic acid ester).

17 (3) Activated charcoal.

18 (4) Anisole.

19 (5) Atrazine.

20 (6) Azodicarbonamide (ADA).

21 (7) Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA).

22 (8) Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

23 (9) Bleached flour.

24 (10) Blue dye 1 (CAS 3844-45-9).

25 (11) Blue dye 2 (CAS 860-22-0).

26 (12) Bromated flour.

27 (13) Calcium bromate.

28 (14) Canthaxanthin.

29 (15) Carrageenan.

- 1 (16) Certified food colors by the United States Food and Drug
2 Administration.
- 3 (17) Citrus red dye 2 (CAS 6358-53-8).
- 4 (18) Diacetyl.
- 5 (19) Diacetyl tartaric and fatty acid esters of mono- and diglycerides
6 (DATEM).
- 7 (20) Dimethylamylamine (DMAA).
- 8 (21) Dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (DSS).
- 9 (22) Ficin.
- 10 (23) Green dye 3 (CAS 2353-45-9).
- 11 (24) Interesterified palm oil.
- 12 (25) Interesterified soybean oil.
- 13 (26) Lactylated fatty acid esters of glycerol and propylene glycol.
- 14 (27) Lye.
- 15 (28) Melatonin.
- 16 (29) Morpholine.
- 17 (30) Olestra.
- 18 (31) Partially hydrogenated oil (PHO).
- 19 (32) Potassium aluminum sulfate.
- 20 (33) Potassium bromate.
- 21 (34) Potassium iodate.
- 22 (35) Potassium sorbate.
- 23 (36) Propylene oxide.
- 24 (37) Propylparaben.
- 25 (38) Red dye 3 (CAS 16423-68-0).
- 26 (39) Red dye 4 (CAS 4548-53-2).
- 27 (40) Red dye 40 (CAS 25956-17-6).
- 28 (41) Sodium aluminum sulfate.
- 29 (42) Sodium lauryl sulfate.

1 (43) Sodium stearyl fumarate.

2 (44) Stearyl tartrate.

3 (45) Synthetic or artificial vanillin.

4 (46) Synthetic trans fatty acid.

5 (47) Thiodipropionic acid.

6 (48) Titanium dioxide.

7 (49) Toluene.

8 (50) Yellow dye 5 (CAS 1934-21-0).

9 (51) Yellow dye 6 (CAS 2783-94-0).

10 B. The warning label shall:

11 (1) Include the following statement, printed in a font size not smaller
12 than the largest font used to disclose other consumer information:

13 "WARNING: This product contains an artificial color, chemical, or food
14 additive that is banned in Australia, Canada, the European Union, or the United
15 Kingdom."

16 (2) Be placed in a prominent and reasonably visible location.

17 (3) Have sufficiently high contrast with the immediate background to
18 ensure the warning is likely to be seen and understood by the ordinary
19 individual under customary conditions of purchase and use.

20 C. A food manufacturer that offers a product described by Subsection
21 A of this Section for sale on the manufacturer's internet website shall disclose
22 to the consumer all labeling information required under Subsection B of this
23 Section by posting a legible statement on the manufacturer's internet website
24 or otherwise communicating the information to the consumer.

25 D. Any violation of this Section shall be a violation of the state Sanitary
26 Code.

27 §662. Seed oil; notice to patrons of food service establishments required

28 A. Any food service establishment as defined in R.S. 40:5.5 that cooks or
29 prepares food using seed oil shall display a disclaimer on the menu or other

1 clearly visible location that informs customers of the potential presence of seed
2 oil in food served at the establishment.

3 B. For purposes of this Section, "seed oil" shall mean any of the
4 following:

5 (1) Canola or rapeseed oil.

6 (2) Corn oil.

7 (3) Cottonseed oil.

8 (4) Flaxseed oil.

9 (5) Grapeseed oil.

10 (6) Rice bran oil.

11 (7) Safflower oil.

12 (8) Soybean oil.

13 (9) Sunflower oil.

14 C. Any violation of this Section shall be a violation of the state Sanitary
15 Code.

16 Section 4. Subpart E of Part II of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised
17 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:290, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

18 SUBPART E. SNAP NUTRITION INTEGRITY

19 §290. SNAP nutrition integrity

20 A. As used in this Section, "soft drinks" means nonalcoholic beverages
21 that contain natural or artificial sweeteners including but not limited to sodas,
22 sports drinks, and sugar-sweetened beverages. "Soft drinks" shall not include
23 beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice, or similar milk
24 substitutes or greater than fifty percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume or
25 foods classified as staple foods under 7 CFR 271.2.

26 B. The Department of Children and Family Services is hereby directed
27 to develop and submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture
28 for a waiver to permit Louisiana to prohibit the purchase of soft drinks using
29 SNAP benefits. The waiver request shall adhere to any United States

1 Department of Agriculture guidelines and shall cite this Subpart as authorizing
2 legislation. The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services
3 shall submit the initial waiver request no later than October 1, 2025.

4 C. If the waiver is denied, the secretary of the Department of Children
5 and Family Services shall:

6 (1) Notify the legislature of the denial within thirty days, including any
7 reasons provided by the United States Department of Agriculture for the denial
8 of the waiver.

9 (2) Prepare any necessary revisions to address United States Department
10 of Agriculture's concerns and resubmit the waiver request on at least an annual
11 basis. The Department of Children and Family Services shall resubmit the
12 waiver request annually in good faith until it is granted. The waiver shall be
13 resubmitted no later than one year from the date of the previous denial for as
14 long as this Section remains in effect or until the waiver is approved.

15 (3) The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish a
16 standardized internal process for the resubmission of the waiver request,
17 ensuring that each submission contains current data, evidence, and letters of
18 support as appropriate to strengthen the request. The Department of Children
19 and Family Services may consult with public health experts and other states
20 pursuing similar waivers to improve the probability of approval.

21 D.(1) If the waiver request is approved, the Department of Children and
22 Family Services shall implement the restrictions within six months of approval.
23 The Department of Children and Family Services shall develop and provide a
24 list of restricted items to EBT authorized retailers.

25 (2) If extraordinary circumstances, such as delays in federal EBT
26 contract modifications or natural disasters, prevent full implementation within
27 this time frame, the department shall promptly notify the legislature and the
28 United States Department of Agriculture. This notice shall include an
29 explanation of the delay and a revised implementation time line, which shall be

1 **limited to the minimum period necessary to comply with this Section.**

2 Section 5.(A) This Section and Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall become effective
3 upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time
4 for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
5 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
6 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

7 (B) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school
8 year.

9 (C) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

DIGEST

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Proposed law prohibits public schools and nonpublic schools that receive state funds from serving foods that contain specific artificial colors and additives to students.

Present law authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners to establish minimum requirements for continuing education for the renewal or reinstatement of any license or permit issued by the board.

Proposed law requires physicians and physician assistants that practice family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology to complete continuing education on nutrition and metabolic health. Proposed law further provides that the board shall determine the number of hours, frequency, and content of the continuing education.

Proposed law requires food manufacturers to label products with a warning label if the product contains specific artificial colors, additives, or chemicals. Proposed law further provides for the content and placement of the warning label and for disclosure on the manufacturer's website. Failure to comply with proposed law is a violation of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law requires food service establishments that cook or prepare food using certain seed oils to display a disclaimer on the menu or other clearly visible location that informs customers of the potential presence of seed oil in food served at the establishment. Failure to comply with proposed law is a violation of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services to develop and submit a waiver to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to permit La. to prohibit the purchase of soft drinks using SNAP benefits.

Proposed law establishes a time line for submission and implementation upon approval of the waiver and a process for resubmission upon denial of the waiver.

The provisions relative to continuing medical education and the SNAP waiver are effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

The provision relative to serving ultra processed foods in schools is effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

The provisions relative to disclosure of certain ingredients by manufacturers and seed oil use by food establishments are effective on January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 37:1270(A)(8); adds R.S. 17:197.2, R.S. 40:661 and 662, and R.S. 46:290)