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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)