

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

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

NUTRITION. Prohibits the serving and selling of ultra-processed foods in public schools.
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:192.3, relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling
3 ultra-processed food to students in public schools; to require certain information to
4 be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to provide a definition for
5 ultra-processed food; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:192.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§192.3. Healthy school lunches; ultra-processed food prohibited**

10 **A. The legislature hereby finds that:**

11 **(1) Childhood obesity, morbidity, and wellness are matters of statewide**
12 **concern.**

13 **(2) Ultra-processed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted food**
14 **with synthetic additives is undernourishing minors at public schools and**
15 **contributing to childhood obesity.**

16 **(3) Any taxpayer funded meal or snack program offered to minors at**
17 **public schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of whole,**

1 minimally processed plant or animal products.

2 B. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, any public school that
3 participates in a federally funded or assisted meal program shall not serve or
4 sell, nor allow a third party to serve or sell ultra-processed food on the school
5 campus during a regular school day. This Subsection does not prevent a
6 student's parent or guardian from providing ultra-processed food to the student
7 during a regular school day.

8 C. The state Department of Education shall post on the department's
9 website the following:

10 (1) A standardized form that a public school may use to certify that the
11 public school is complying with the requirements prescribed by this Section.

12 (2) A list of each public school that has certified to the department that
13 the public school is complying with the requirements prescribed by this Section.

14 D. For the purposes of this Section, "ultra-processed food" means a food
15 or beverage that contains one or more of the following ingredients:

16 (1) Aspartame.

17 (2) Blue dye 1.

18 (3) Blue dye 2.

19 (4) Brominated vegetable oil.

20 (5) Cottonseed oil.

21 (6) Grapeseed oil.

22 (7) Green dye 3.

23 (8) Potassium bromate.

24 (9) Propylparaben.

25 (10) Red dye 3.

26 (11) Red dye 40.

27 (12) Safflower oil.

28 (13) Titanium dioxide.

29 (14) Yellow dye 5.

