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SENATE BILL NO. 14

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

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:197.2 and R.S. 37:920(G),

3 Part I-B of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be

4 comprised of R.S. 40:661 and 662, relative to nutrition; to provide for serving certain

5 foods in schools; to provide for continuing education for certain healthcare

6 providers; to provide for disclosure of certain ingredients by manufacturers; to

7 provide for disclosure of seed oil use by food establishments; and to provide for

8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 **§197.2. Prohibited ingredients; local production preference**

12 **A.(1) No public school governing authority shall serve any food or**

13 **beverage containing a prohibited ingredient to students in schools under its**

14 **jurisdiction.**

15 **(2) No nonpublic school that receives state funds shall serve any food or**

16 **beverage containing a prohibited ingredient to students.**

17 **(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to breakfasts and**

1 lunches served to a student on a school campus during regular school hours.

2 (4) The provisions of this Section shall apply, except for food in
3 concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.

4 B. For purposes of this Section, "prohibited ingredient" means any of the
5 following:

6 (1) Blue dye 1 (CAS 3844-45-9).

7 (2) Blue dye 2 (CAS 860-22-0).

8 (3) Green dye 3 (CAS 2353-45-9).

9 (4) Red dye 3 (CAS 16423-68-0).

10 (5) Red dye 40 (CAS 25956-17-6).

11 (6) Yellow dye 5 (CAS 1934-21-0).

12 (7) Yellow dye 6 (CAS 2783-94-0).

13 (8) Azodicarbonamide.

14 (9) Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA).

15 (10) Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).

16 (11) Potassium bromate.

17 (12) Propylparaben.

18 (13) Titanium dioxide.

19 (14) Acesulfame potassium.

20 (15) Advantame.

21 (16) Aspartame.

22 (17) Neotame.

23 (18) Saccharin.

24 (19) Sucralose.

25 C. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, each public school and any
26 nonpublic school that receives state funds shall ensure that a minimum of
27 twenty percent of food purchased by the school is produced in Louisiana.

28 Section 2. R.S. 37:1270(A)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:920(G)

29 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §920. Licensure; qualifications; examination; renewal; temporary permits

2 * * *

3 G. The board shall require advanced practice registered nurses
4 practicing family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and
5 gynecology to complete a minimum of one hour of continuing education on
6 nutrition and metabolic health every two years. The board shall adopt rules to
7 determine the content of the continuing education provided for in this
8 Subsection.

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10 §1270. Duties and powers of the board

11 A. The board shall:

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13 (8) Have the authority to establish and determine by rule minimum
14 requirements relative to continuing education for the renewal or reinstatement of any
15 license or permit issued by the board, ~~except that the~~

16 **(a) The** board shall require physicians and physician assistants practicing
17 emergency medicine to complete an initial one-hour continuing education course on
18 the treatment of sickle cell disease. Thereafter, a physician and physician assistant
19 practicing emergency medicine shall complete a one-hour refresher course at regular
20 intervals no less frequently than every three years. The course shall be approved by
21 the board and made available on the board's website.

22 **(b) The board shall require physicians and physician assistants**
23 **practicing family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and**
24 **gynecology to complete a minimum of one hour of continuing education on**
25 **nutrition and metabolic health every two years. The board shall adopt rules to**
26 **determine the content of the continuing education provided for in this**
27 **Subparagraph.**

28 Section 3. Part I-B of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
29 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:661 and 662, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 **PART I-B. DISCLOSURE OF HARMFUL INGREDIENTS**

2 **§661. Food containing artificial colors, additives, or banned chemicals;**

3 **ingredient information**

4 **A. Any food product offered for sale in Louisiana shall be labeled by the**
5 **manufacturer in accordance with the provisions of this Section if the product**
6 **contains any ingredient identified in this Subsection:**

7 **(1) Acesulfame potassium.**

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

9 **(3) Advantame.**

10 **(4) Anisole.**

11 **(5) Aspartame.**

12 **(6) Azodicarbonamide (ADA).**

13 **(7) Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA).**

14 **(8) Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT).**

15 **(9) Bleached flour.**

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

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

18 **(12) Bromated flour.**

19 **(13) Calcium bromate.**

20 **(14) Canthaxanthin.**

21 **(15) Certified food colors by the United States Food and Drug**
22 **Administration.**

23 **(16) Citrus red dye 2 (CAS 6358-53-8).**

24 **(17) Diacetyl.**

25 **(18) Diacetyl tartaric and fatty acid esters of mono- and diglycerides**
26 **(DATEM).**

27 **(19) Dimethylamylamine (DMAA).**

28 **(20) Dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (DSS).**

29 **(21) Green dye 3 (CAS 2353-45-9).**

- 1 **(22) Interesterified palm oil.**
- 2 **(23) Interesterified soybean oil.**
- 3 **(24) Lactylated fatty acid esters of glycerol and propylene glycol.**
- 4 **(25) Lye.**
- 5 **(26) Morpholine.**
- 6 **(27) Neotame.**
- 7 **(28) Olestra.**
- 8 **(29) Partially hydrogenated oil (PHO).**
- 9 **(30) Potassium aluminum sulfate.**
- 10 **(31) Potassium bromate.**
- 11 **(32) Potassium iodate.**
- 12 **(33) Potassium sorbate.**
- 13 **(34) Propylene oxide.**
- 14 **(35) Propylparaben.**
- 15 **(36) Red dye 3 (CAS 16423-68-0).**
- 16 **(37) Red dye 4 (CAS 4548-53-2).**
- 17 **(38) Red dye 40 (CAS 25956-17-6).**
- 18 **(39) Saccharin.**
- 19 **(40) Sodium aluminum sulfate.**
- 20 **(41) Sodium lauryl sulfate.**
- 21 **(42) Sodium stearyl fumarate.**
- 22 **(43) Stearyl tartrate.**
- 23 **(44) Sucralose.**
- 24 **(45) Synthetic or artificial vanillin.**
- 25 **(46) Synthetic trans fatty acid.**
- 26 **(47) Thiodipropionic acid.**
- 27 **(48) Titanium dioxide.**
- 28 **(49) Toluene.**
- 29 **(50) Yellow dye 5 (CAS 1934-21-0).**

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

2 **B.(1) The product label shall include a QR code with the following**
3 **statement adjacent to the code: "For additional ingredient information, scan**
4 **here."**

5 **(2) The QR code shall link to a web page that is under the control of the**
6 **manufacturer.**

7 **(3) The web page shall contain the following disclaimer in a prominent**
8 **location: "WARNING: This product contains an ingredient that may be**
9 **harmful to your health."**

10 **C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall only apply to food or beverages**
11 **intended for human consumption.**

12 **(2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any drug or dietary**
13 **supplement regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration**
14 **under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 321 et seq., 21 CFR**
15 **3.2(e), or the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.**

16 **D. Any violation of this Section shall be a violation of the state Sanitary**
17 **Code.**

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

19 **A. Any food service establishment as defined in R.S. 40:5.5 that cooks or**
20 **prepares food using seed oil shall display a disclaimer on the menu or other**
21 **clearly visible location that informs customers of the potential presence of seed**
22 **oil in food served at the establishment. The disclaimer shall state: "Some menu**
23 **items may contain or be prepared using seed oils."**

24 **B. For purposes of this Section, "seed oil" shall mean any of the**
25 **following:**

26 **(1) Canola or rapeseed oil.**

27 **(2) Corn oil.**

28 **(3) Cottonseed oil.**

29 **(4) Grapeseed oil.**

1 **(5) Rice bran oil.**

2 **(6) Safflower oil.**

3 **(7) Soybean oil.**

4 **(8) Sunflower oil.**

5 **C. Any violation of this Section shall be a violation of the state Sanitary**
 6 **Code.**

7 Section 4.(A) This Section and Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon
 8 signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
 9 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
 10 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
 11 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

12 (B) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective beginning with the 2027-2028 school
 13 year.

14 (C) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective with the provider's continuing
 15 education cycle that begins on January 1, 2026. The minimum of one hour of continuing
 16 education required by Section 2 of this Act shall be included in, and not in addition to, the
 17 total number of continuing education hours required by the board at the time of passage of
 18 this Act.

19 (D) Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028.

20 (E) The provisions of this Act that fall under the regulatory authority of the federal
 21 government shall remain in effect in this state until such time as a federal statute, federal
 22 regulation, or guidance from a federal government agency is enacted or issued that is at least
 23 equivalent to or is more restrictive than the requirements of this Act.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
 The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
 or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Proposed law requires public and nonpublic schools that receive state funds to ensure that a minimum of 20% of food purchased by the school is produced in Louisiana.

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 a minimum of one hour of continuing education on nutrition and metabolic health every two years. Proposed law further provides that the board shall determine the content of the continuing education.

Present law authorizes the La. State Board of Nursing to establish requirements for licensure and renewal of any license issued by the board.

Proposed law requires advanced practice registered nurses that practice family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology to complete a minimum of one hour of continuing education on nutrition and metabolic health every two years. Proposed law further provides that the board shall determine the content of the continuing education.

Proposed law requires food manufacturers to label products with a QR code and statement if the product contains specific artificial colors, additives, or chemicals. Proposed law further provides for a warning disclaimer 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. Proposed law further provides for the disclaimer that food service establishments shall use. Failure to comply with proposed law is a violation of the state Sanitary Code.

The provisions relative to continuing medical education are effective with the provider's continuing education cycle that begins on January 1, 2026.

The provision relative to foods served in schools is effective beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

The provisions relative to disclosure of certain ingredients by manufacturers and seed oil use by food establishments are effective on January 1, 2028.

(Amends R.S. 37:1270(A)(8); adds R.S. 17:197.2, R.S. 37:920(G), and R.S. 40:661 and 662)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Makes changes to terminology used for foods prohibited from being served in schools.
2. Adds ingredients that are prohibited from being served in schools.
3. Provides an exception for food in concession stands and vending machines.
4. Moves the implementation date for the school food prohibition from the 2026-2027 school year to the 2027-2028 school year.
5. Changes the continuing medical education requirement to one hour every two

years.

6. Changes the warning label requirement to a QR code requirement with a disclaimer on the manufacturer's website.
7. Adds and removes ingredients that require a product's label to have the QR code and disclaimer on the website.
8. Adds specific language for food service establishments to inform customers of the use of seed oils.
9. Removes flaxseed from the list of seed oils that requires the notification.
10. Changes the definition of beverages that are prohibited for purchase with SNAP benefits.
11. Adds requirements relative to the implementation of the SNAP restrictions.
12. Adds language relative to effectiveness of proposed law if action is taken on the federal law.
13. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Remove provisions relative to SNAP benefits.
2. Add continuing education requirement for advanced practice registered nurses.
3. Add requirement at least 20% of food purchased by schools to be produced in Louisiana.
4. Change effective dates.