

SENATE BILL NO. 117

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MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, EDMONSTON AND
TAYLOR

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

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.3 and 3996(B)(4), relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling foods with certain ultra-processed ingredients to students in public and nonpublic schools; to require certain information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to authorize certain schools to purchase food produced in Louisiana; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:192.3 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

A. The legislature hereby finds that:

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

(2) Ultra-processed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted food with synthetic additives is undernourishing minors at schools and contributing

1 to childhood obesity.

2 (3) Any taxpayer funded meal or snack program offered to minors at
3 schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of whole,
4 minimally processed plant or animal products.

5 B.(1) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, any city, parish, or other
6 local public school board that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal
7 program or any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funding shall not
8 serve or sell, nor allow a third party food management company to serve or sell,
9 foods with certain ultra-processed ingredients as provided in Subsection D of
10 this Section on the school campus during a regular school day. This Subsection
11 does not prevent a student's parent or guardian from providing any food item
12 of their choice to the student during a regular school day.

13 (2) Schools may begin implementing the provisions of this Section prior
14 to the 2027-2028 school year.

15 (3) Full compliance with the requirements of this Section shall be
16 mandatory beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

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

19 (1) A standardized form that a public or nonpublic school may use to
20 certify that the school is complying with the requirements prescribed by this
21 Section.

22 (2) A list of each public or nonpublic school that has certified to the
23 department that the school is complying with the requirements prescribed by
24 this Section.

25 D. Any food or beverage that contains one or more of the following
26 ingredients shall not be served or sold during the regular school day:

27 (1) Aspartame.

28 (2) Blue dye 1.

29 (3) Blue dye 2.

30 (4) Brominated vegetable oil.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____