
DIGEST

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HB 616 Engrossed

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Abstract: Removes limitations and nutritional guidelines relative to foods and beverages, other than school breakfast or lunch, offered in public elementary and secondary schools.

Present law requires public elementary and secondary schools to encourage children to participate in physical activity and improve nutritional and eating habits. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes The Pennington Biomedical Research Center to develop and provide publications related to foods sold on school grounds to interested persons, schools, or school systems. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires public elementary and secondary schools to follow federal guidelines in respect to foods and beverages, other than meals, sold to students at schools and on school grounds during a period beginning one-half hour before the start of the school day and ending one-half hour after the end of the school day.

Proposed law deletes all of the following present law provisions:

Present law provides that, except for beverages sold as part of the school food program operated pursuant to present law, only the following types of beverages, which may not exceed 16 ounces in size (except for milk and water), may be sold to students at public elementary and secondary schools or on the grounds of such schools at any time from one-half hour before the start of the school day to one-half hour after the end of the school day:

- (1) Fruit juices or drinks that are composed of 100% fruit juice or vegetable juice and that do not contain added natural or artificial sweeteners.
- (2) Unsweetened flavored drinking water or unflavored drinking water.
- (3) Low-fat milk, skim milk, flavored milk, and non-dairy milk.

Present law provides that beginning the last 10 minutes of each lunch period, and except for beverages sold as part of the school food program operated pursuant to present law, the selection of beverages offered for sale to students in public high schools shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) Bottled water.

- (2) No-calorie or low-calorie beverages that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces.
- (3) Up to 12-ounce servings of beverages that contain 100% fruit juice with no added sweeteners and up to 120 calories per eight ounces.
- (4) Up to 12-ounce servings of any other beverage that contains no more than 66 calories per eight ounces.
- (5) At least 50% percent of non-milk beverages shall be water and no-calorie or low-calorie options that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces.
- (6) Low-fat milk, skim milk, and nondairy milk.

Present law provides that except for items sold as part of the school food program operated pursuant to present law, food items meeting any of the following criteria shall not be sold to students at public elementary and secondary schools or on the grounds of public elementary and secondary schools at any time from one-half hour before the start of the school day to one-half hour after the end of the school day:

- (1) Food of minimal nutritional value as defined in federal regulations (7 C.F.R. 220.2).
- (2) Snacks or desserts that exceed 150 calories per serving, have more than 35% of their calories from fat, or have more than 30 grams of sugar per serving, except for unsweetened or uncoated seeds or nuts.

Provides that beginning the last 10 minutes of lunch period, food offered for sale to high school students shall be comprised of no more than 50% of such foods.

(Amends R.S. 17:197.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add a provision specifying the time period during which federal guidelines are applicable.
2. Reinstate present law authorization for Pennington Biomedical Center to create and distribute information on the nutritional value of foods sold at schools.