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SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

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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. (gov sig)

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,

I	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.

(15) Yellow dye 6.

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

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)]

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<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits serving or selling ultra-processed foods in public schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the state Department of Education to post on its website a standardized form to certify a public school is complying with requirements and a list of all certified public schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines ultra-processed food as a food or beverage that contains one or more of a provided list of ingredients.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:192.3)