

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 117

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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.
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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 and nonpublic schools; to require certain

4 information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to provide

5 a definition for ultra-processed food; to require schools to purchase a minimum

6 amount of food produced in Louisiana; to provide for an effective date; and to

7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 **§192.3. Healthy school lunches; ultra-processed food prohibited**

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

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

13 **concern.**

14 **(2) Ultra-processed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted food**

15 **with synthetic additives is undernourishing minors at schools and contributing**

16 **to childhood obesity.**

17 **(3) Any taxpayer funded meal or snack program offered to minors at**

1 schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of whole,
2 minimally processed plant or animal products.

3 B.(1) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, any city, parish, or other
4 local public school board that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal
5 program or any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funding shall not
6 serve or sell, nor allow a third party to serve or sell ultra-processed food on the
7 school campus during a regular school day. This Subsection does not prevent
8 a student's parent or guardian from providing ultra-processed food to the
9 student during a regular school day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (1) Aspartame.

25 (2) Blue dye 1.

26 (3) Blue dye 2.

27 (4) Brominated vegetable oil.

28 (5) Cottonseed oil.

29 (6) Grapeseed oil.

1 **(7) Green dye 3.**

2 **(8) Potassium bromate.**

3 **(9) Propylparaben.**

4 **(10) Red dye 3.**

5 **(11) Red dye 40.**

6 **(12) Safflower oil.**

7 **(13) Titanium dioxide.**

8 **(14) Yellow dye 5.**

9 **(15) Yellow dye 6.**

10 **E. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, any public school that**
 11 **participates in a federally funded or assisted meal program or any nonpublic**
 12 **school that receives state or federal funding shall ensure that a minimum of**
 13 **twenty percent of food purchased by the school is produced in Louisiana.**

14 **F. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to food served or sold in**
 15 **concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.**

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 20 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)]

SB 117 Reengrossed

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Proposed law prohibits serving or selling ultra-processed foods in public schools and nonpublic schools that receives state or federal funding.

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

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

Proposed law provides an exception for food in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.

Proposed law requires 20% of the food public schools and nonpublic schools that receive state or federal funding purchase be produced in Louisiana, beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.

Proposed law provides that schools must be in full compliance with the provisions of proposed law beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, but can begin implementing the provisions prior to 2027-2028.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:192.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes proposed law applicable to nonpublic schools that receive state or federal funding.
2. Provides an exception for food in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires 20% of food purchased by the schools be produced in Louisiana starting the 2027-2028 school year.
3. Provides that schools can implement the provisions of proposed law prior to 2027-2028, but schools must be in full compliance by 2027-2028.