



AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL NUTRITION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) There is established a
2 task force for the purpose of adopting a nutrition policy for the state
3 and for assisting in the reduction and prevention of obesity and non-
4 insulin-using diabetes in children. The task force shall consist of the
5 following members: (1) The Commissioner of Public Health or the
6 commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Education or the
7 commissioner's designee; (3) a representative of the State Department
8 of Education who is proficient in the United States Department of
9 Agriculture guidelines for school nutrition programs; (4) a
10 representative of a parent-teacher association or a parent-teacher
11 organization; (5) a representative of the Connecticut Dietetic
12 Association; (6) a representative of the School Nutrition Directors; (7) a
13 physical education teacher; (8) a representative of the farming
14 community; and (9) a representative of the Academy of Pediatrics.

15 (b) The nutrition policy shall:

16 (1) Encourage fundraisers that promote good health habits;

17 (2) Ensure that no student goes hungry;

18 (3) Improve nutritional standards;

- 19 (4) Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables;
- 20 (5) Ensure that food is served fresh;
- 21 (6) Encourage eligible students and school districts to participate in
22 the school lunch program, the school breakfast program and the after-
23 school snack program;
- 24 (7) Ensure that nutrition and physical activity are integrated into
25 school curricula;
- 26 (8) Ensure regular professional development for food service staff;
- 27 (9) Ensure students a minimum of thirty minutes to eat lunch and
28 when provided, twenty minutes to eat breakfast;
- 29 (10) Ensure students engage in healthful levels of vigorous physical
30 activity;
- 31 (11) Develop a state-wide nutrition curriculum for grades
32 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, with emphasis on healthy food
33 choices, health related issues with food choices, physical education and
34 local food production;
- 35 (12) Improve the quality of physical education curricula and
36 increase training of physical education teachers;
- 37 (13) Strengthen and enforce existing physical education
38 requirements;
- 39 (14) Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables and
40 school gardens; and
- 41 (15) Collaborate with farmers' markets.

42 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Education, in
43 consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall establish a
44 school nutrition pilot program in (1) an urban, (2) a suburban, and (3) a
45 rural school district. At least one school district in the pilot program

46 shall have a self-operating school food service program.

47 (b) Said pilot program shall be in effect for the 2002-2003 school year
48 and comply with the following requirements:

49 (1) No beverage other than any of the following shall be sold to
50 students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until
51 one-half hour after the end of the school day:

52 (A) One hundred per cent fruit juices;

53 (B) Drinking water; or

54 (C) Milk, including, but not limited to, chocolate milk, soy milk, rice
55 milk and other similar dairy or nondairy milk, recognizing that dairy
56 milk is acceptable.

57 (2) No carbonated beverage shall be sold to students from one-half
58 hour before the start of the school day until one-half hour after the end
59 of the school day.

60 (3) No beverage that exceeds twelve ounces per serving shall be sold
61 to students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until
62 one-half hour after the end of the school day.

63 (4) Fruit and nonfried vegetables shall be offered for sale, at a lower
64 price, at any location where food is sold.

65 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
66 Commissioner of Public Health, shall report, in accordance with
67 section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of findings of said
68 pilot program to the joint standing committees of the General
69 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
70 public health by October 1, 2003.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

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