



AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD NUTRITION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Chewing gum" means a flavored product made from natural or
4 synthetic gums and other ingredients which forms an insoluble mass
5 for chewing.

6 (2) "Soda water" means a beverage that does not contain alcohol
7 and that is made by absorbing carbon dioxide in potable water. Soda
8 water includes, but is not limited to, a beverage that contains added
9 natural or artificial sweeteners or discrete nutrients such as vitamins,
10 minerals or protein.

11 (3) "Water ice" means a food that is prepared from the same
12 ingredients and in the same manner prescribed in 21 CFR 135.140 for
13 sherbets, except that the mix need not be pasteurized, and that
14 complies with all the provisions of 21 CFR 135.140, including the
15 requirements for label statement of ingredients, except that no milk or
16 milk-derived ingredient and no egg ingredient, other than egg white,
17 is used.

18 (4) "Candy" means any food item containing more than forty per
19 cent added sugar by weight.

20 (b) The Department of Education, in consultation with the
21 Department of Public Health, shall establish a school nutrition pilot
22 program in (1) an urban, (2) a suburban, and (3) a rural school district.
23 Such school districts shall agree to participate in such pilot program.
24 At least one school district in the pilot program shall have a self-
25 operating school food service program. Said pilot program shall be in
26 effect for the 2003-2004 school year.

27 (c) No school district participating in the pilot program shall allow
28 the sale of the following items to students on school premises during
29 school hours, except in connection with a fund raising activity on
30 behalf of a charitable organization, student activity fund, or in
31 connection with the National School Lunch Program or a school
32 breakfast or lunch program established pursuant to section 10-215 of
33 the general statutes:

34 (1) Chewing gum, soda water, and water ice;

35 (2) Candy;

36 (3) Any juice product that contains less than thirty-five per cent full-
37 strength juice by volume; or

38 (4) Any other item, except seeds, nuts, nut butters, cheese, salad
39 dressings and butter, that contains more than eight grams total fat and
40 five grams of saturated fat per one ounce serving.

41 (d) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
42 Commissioner of Public Health, shall report, in accordance with
43 section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of findings of said
44 pilot program to the joint standing committees of the General
45 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
46 public health and to the select committee of the General Assembly
47 having cognizance of matters relating to children, by October 1, 2004.

48 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) There is established a task force
49 for the purpose of adopting a nutrition policy for the state and for

50 assisting in the reduction and prevention of obesity and non-insulin-
51 using diabetes in children. The task force shall consist of the following
52 members: (1) The Commissioner of Public Health or the
53 commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Education or the
54 commissioner's designee; (3) a representative of the Department of
55 Education who is proficient in the United States Department of
56 Agriculture guidelines for school nutrition programs; (4) a
57 representative of a parent-teacher association or a parent-teacher
58 organization; (5) a representative of the Connecticut Dietetic
59 Association; (6) a representative of the School Nutrition Directors; (7) a
60 physical education teacher; (8) a representative of the farming
61 community; and (9) a representative of the Academy of Pediatrics.

62 (b) The nutrition policy shall:

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

64 (2) Ensure that no student goes hungry;

65 (3) Improve nutritional standards;

66 (4) Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables;

67 (5) Ensure that food is served fresh;

68 (6) Encourage eligible students and school districts to participate in
69 the school lunch program, the school breakfast program and the after-
70 school snack program;

71 (7) Ensure that nutrition and physical activity are integrated into
72 school curricula;

73 (8) Ensure regular professional development for food service staff;

74 (9) Ensure students a minimum of thirty minutes to eat lunch and
75 when provided, twenty minutes to eat breakfast;

76 (10) Ensure students engage in healthful levels of vigorous physical
77 activity;

78 (11) Develop a state-wide nutrition curriculum for grades
79 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, with emphasis on healthy food
80 choices, health related issues with food choices, physical education and
81 local food production;

82 (12) Improve the quality of physical education curricula and
83 increase training of physical education teachers;

84 (13) Strengthen and enforce existing physical education
85 requirements;

86 (14) Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables and
87 school gardens; and

88 (15) Collaborate with farmers' markets.

89 (c) The taskforce shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
90 general statutes, on the policy to the joint standing committees of the
91 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
92 health and education and to the select committee of the General
93 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, by
94 January 1, 2005.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003
Sec. 2	October 1, 2003

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