



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5344
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 12, 2004

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS,
RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Each local and regional
2 board of education shall ensure that (1) each child, in the schools under
3 its jurisdiction, is provided with an opportunity for a lunch break that
4 is a minimum of twenty minutes every full school day, and (2) each
5 child in grades kindergarten to five, inclusive, in the schools under its
6 jurisdiction, has the opportunity for physical activity for a minimum of
7 twenty minutes every full school day or a minimum of one hundred
8 minutes every full school week, except that the planning and
9 placement team may develop a different schedule for a child requiring
10 special education and related services in accordance with chapter 164
11 of the general statutes and the Individual With Disabilities Education
12 Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq. , as amended from time to time.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) On and after September 1, 2004,
14 each local and regional board of education shall require the schools
15 under its jurisdiction to make available for purchase dairy products,

- 16 including low-fat dairy products, water, one-hundred per cent natural
- 17 fruit juices and fresh or dried fruit at all times when food or drink is
- 18 available for purchase in school buildings.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Local and regional school districts can accommodate the requirements of this bill within their current fiscal and programmatic flexibility.

House "A" is technical and has no fiscal impact.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5344 (as amended by House "A")*

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD NUTRITION IN SCHOOLS,
RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires local and regional school boards to provide (1) all students with the opportunity for a minimum 20-minute daily lunch break every full school day and (2) most students in kindergarten through grade five with the opportunity for at least 20 minutes of daily or 100 minutes of weekly physical activity during full school days or weeks, respectively. But it allows a planning and placement team to develop a different physical activity schedule for an identified special education student.

The bill also requires the boards, beginning September 1, 2004, to make dairy products, including low-fat products, water, 100% fruit juices, and fresh and dried fruit available for purchase whenever food or drink can be bought in a school building.

*House Amendment "A" specifies that the lunch break and physical activity requirements apply to full school days and weeks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sSB 357 (File 114), reported favorably by the Public Health Committee, contains essentially the same provisions as this bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 13 Nay 0

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 26 Nay 0