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Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the development and
implementation of statewide school nutrition standards for food and
beverages that are sold to students and the review of school wellness
policies

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 "the school nutrition act".
3 S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 915-a to
4 read as follows:
5 S 915-A. FOOD AND BEVERAGE NUTRITION STANDARDS. 1. A. THE COMMISSION-
6 ER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES AND WITH INPUT
8 FROM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH
9 FROM THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS; SCHOOL BOARDS; SCHOOL ADMINIS-
10 TRATORS; CERTIFIED DIETICIANS/NUTRITIONISTS OR REGISTERED DIETICIANS;
11 THE PEDIATRIC MEDICAL COMMUNITY; THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY; COMPREHEN-
12 SIVE CARE CENTERS FOR EATING DISORDERS, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
13 TWENTY-SEVEN-J OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; AND THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY,
14 SHALL DEVELOP BY DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, STATEWIDE
15 SCHOOL NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT ARE SOLD TO
16 STUDENTS EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE PROVIDED THROUGH THE FEDERAL SCHOOL MEAL
17 PROGRAMS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INPUT REPRES-
18 ENTS A BALANCED AND COMPREHENSIVE PERSPECTIVE. SUCH NUTRITION STANDARDS
19 SHALL BE DEVELOPED TO PROMOTE A HEALTHFUL DIET TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A
20 PREPONDERANCE OF THE NUTRITIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE WHICH
21 IS CURRENT AT THE TIME SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE.
22 B. NO LATER THAN JUNE THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE BOARD OF
23 REGENTS SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS BASED ON THE NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY TO SCHOOL
2 MEALS, EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE PROVIDED THROUGH FEDERAL OR SCHOOL MEAL
3 PROGRAMS, ENTREES, SNACKS AND BEVERAGES SOLD OR SERVED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
4 IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCA-
5 TION AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN A PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE
6 RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT OR THE CHILD NUTRITION ACT
7 OF 1966, COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "SCHOOL DISTRICTS",
8 DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FROM ANY SOURCE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
9 SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, A LA CARTE LINES, SCHOOL STORES, OR VENDING MACHINES.
10 SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL BE APPLICABLE IN THE TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN--TWO
11 THOUSAND SIXTEEN SCHOOL YEAR.

12 C. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THIS
13 SECTION AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED HEREUNDER SHALL NOT APPLY TO: (I)
14 FOODS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED UNDER THE FEDERAL CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD
15 PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER THAT
16 PROGRAM; (II) FOODS AND BEVERAGES SOLD, SERVED OR OFFERED AT AFTER
17 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY BOTH ADULTS AND STUDENTS, SUCH AS CONCERTS
18 AND SPORTING EVENTS; OR (III) FOODS AND BEVERAGES SOLD: (A) BY STUDENTS,
19 THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR GUARDIANS OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, (B)
20 THROUGH SOURCES OTHER THAN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, A LA CARTE LINES, VENDING
21 MACHINES, AND SCHOOL STORES, (C) AFTER THE END OF THE LAST SCHEDULED
22 MEAL PERIOD OF THE SCHOOL DAY, AND (D) ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING
23 FUNDS TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

24 D. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THIS SECTION AND REGU-
25 LATIONS PROMULGATED HEREUNDER SHALL NOT PROHIBIT NOR RESTRICT THE ACQUI-
26 SITION AND UTILIZATION OF ANY FOOD ITEM AVAILABLE THROUGH FEDERALLY
27 FUNDED PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE USDA COMMODITIES PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT OF
28 DEFENSE FOOD PROGRAMS.

29 2. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER, IN
30 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMIT-
31 ED TO, AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE
32 DIRECTORS; SCHOOL BOARDS; SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS; CERTIFIED
33 DIETICIANS/NUTRITIONISTS OR REGISTERED DIETICIANS; COMPREHENSIVE CARE
34 CENTERS FOR EATING DISORDERS, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
35 TWENTY-SEVEN-J OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW; AND THE PEDIATRIC MEDICAL
36 COMMUNITY SHALL ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METHODS AND THE PRACTICALITY
37 OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH AGE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
38 NUTRITIONAL CONTENT OF SCHOOL MENU ITEMS.

39 3. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER, IN
40 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, AND
41 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE
42 SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS; SCHOOL BOARDS; SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS; AND
43 THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, SHALL ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS ON INCREASING
44 OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK STATE FARMS AND FARMERS TO COLLABORATE WITH
45 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

46 4. RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS TWO AND THREE OF
47 THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED IN A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE
48 GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. COPIES OF SUCH
49 REPORT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

50 5. BEGINNING WITH THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
51 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL RECEIVE AN
52 ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN CENTS (ABOVE THE AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR THE TWO THOUSAND
53 FOURTEEN--TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN SCHOOL YEAR), PER THE NUMBER OF FEDERALLY
54 REIMBURSABLE BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHESES SERVED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO
55 STUDENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACT OF CONGRESS ENTITLED THE "NATIONAL

SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", P.L. 79-396, AS AMENDED, OR THE PROVISIONS OF THE "CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1996", P.L. 89-642, AS AMENDED.

6. IF AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH A COMPANY TO PROVIDE VENDING OR OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES WHICH WOULD BE BREACHED BY COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, SUCH STANDARDS THAT AFFECT SUCH CONTRACT SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CURRENT TERM OF SUCH CONTRACT OR ON THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONTRACT IS TERMINATED, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. SUCH STANDARDS SHALL APPLY TO ALL CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED OR AMENDED AFTER THE START OF THE TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN SCHOOL YEAR.

S 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 918-a to read as follows:

S 918-A. LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICIES. 1. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN ANY PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT OR THE CHILD NUTRITION ACT OF 1966, COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "SCHOOL DISTRICTS", SHALL BEGIN A REVIEW OF THEIR SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICIES TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND ADEQUACY OF SUCH POLICY. IN THE COURSE OF SUCH REVIEW, THE GOVERNING BODY OR OFFICER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL:

A. INVOLVE, AT A MINIMUM, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL NURSES OR OTHER HEALTH STAFF, CERTIFIED DIETICIANS/NUTRITIONISTS OR REGISTERED DIETICIANS IF AVAILABLE, PHYSICAL EDUCATION STAFF, AND TEACHERS;

B. CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT NUTRITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN OF THIS ARTICLE, IF SUCH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT;

C. EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT'S WELLNESS POLICY;

D. EVALUATE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING GOALS FOR NUTRITION EDUCATION, AND OTHER SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE STUDENT WELLNESS;

E. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTHY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, CLASSROOM EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS;

F. (I) EVALUATE THE ROLE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE AND TEACH SKILLS TO HELP STUDENTS ADOPT AND MAINTAIN LIFELONG, HEALTHY EATING PATTERNS IN BALANCE WITH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND

(II) EVALUATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RELEVANT COMPONENTS OF THE DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND WELLNESS POLICY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION; AND

G. EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY.

2. THE REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC MEETING TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC. SUCH PUBLIC MEETING MAY TAKE PLACE AS PART OF A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.

3. A. THE INITIAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICIES SHALL BE COMPLETED BY JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. FOLLOWING SUCH INITIAL REVIEW, EACH DISTRICT SHALL COMMENCE A SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THEIR WELLNESS POLICY, AT A MINIMUM, ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

1 B. CHANGES TO DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICIES AS A RESULT OF THESE REGULAR
2 REVIEWS SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC
3 IN A MANNER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.
4 4. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAKE THE CURRENT WELLNESS POLICY OF THE
5 DISTRICT AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON REQUEST.
6 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 2854 of the education law is amended by
7 adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:
8 (G) A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS
9 NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN-A AND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN-A OF THIS CHAPTER.
10 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.