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SB 117 Reengrossed

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Proposed law prohibits public school boards participating in a federally funded or assisted meal program and nonpublic schools that receive state or federal funding from serving or selling, or allowing a third party food management company to serve or sell, ultra-processed food on campus during the regular school day. Provides that proposed law does not prevent parents from providing such foods to their children during such time and that proposed law does not apply to food served or sold in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with present law. Defines "ultra-processed food" as a food or beverage that contains one or more ingredients specified in proposed law.

Proposed law further provides:

- (1) Schools may begin implementing proposed law prior to the 2027-2028 school year but full compliance is mandatory beginning with that school year.
- (2) The state Dept. of Education shall post on its website a form on which a school may certify that it is in compliance with proposed law and a list of schools that have done so.
- (3) Any public school that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal program and any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funds shall, to the extent practicable, purchase food produced in La., subject to an appropriation by the legislature for this purpose.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:192.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill:

1. Remove three oils from the list of ingredients in the proposed law definition of ultra-processed food.
2. Require schools to purchase foods produced in La., to the extent practicable and subject to appropriations, instead of requiring them to ensure that at least 20% of food they purchase is produced in La.
3. Specify that third parties subject to the proposed law prohibition against selling or serving ultra-processed foods are third party food management companies.