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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, AMEDEE, AND EDMONSTON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of and potential costs associated with prohibiting certain foods and beverages in public schools.

WHEREAS, access to balanced, nutritional meals and snacks throughout the day contributes to student success in and out of the classroom; school meal programs can play an important role in supporting overall student health and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, foods that are ultra-processed and nutrient-depleted with synthetic additives undernourish children and can contribute to childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, it is worthwhile to make every effort to offer students only nutritious foods made primarily of whole, minimally processed plant and animal products.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of and potential costs associated with prohibiting certain foods and beverages in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the purposes of this study, "public schools" includes all public schools, including charter schools, that include grades kindergarten through twelve, and the foods and beverages that would be prohibited are those that contain any of the following ingredients:

- (1) Potassium bromate.
- (2) Propylparaben.
- (3) Titanium dioxide.

(4) Brominated vegetable oil.

(5) Yellow dye 5.

(6) Yellow dye 6.

(7) Blue dye 1.

(8) Blue dye 2.

(9) Green dye 3.

(10) Red dye 3.

(11) Red dye 40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall also make recommendations relative to ensuring the healthiest food options be served in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall report its findings to the House Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES