
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Louisiana Farm to School Act" for local farmers to provide food to public schools.

Proposed law creates the "Louisiana Farm to School Act" for local farmers to provide food to public schools.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry to establish and maintain a publically available database containing information about farmers interested in providing schools with locally produced or harvested food and information about schools interested in purchasing locally produced and harvested food. Defines "local" to mean within 400 miles of the school or within the state of La. Requires the information in the database to be geo-coded and geo-spatially layered.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Education and any other governing authority of a child nutrition program to use the simplified acquisition procedures for small purchases up to the federal small purchase threshold. Requires the superintendent or his designee to determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to report purchases under this program to the school governing authority in a public meeting.

Proposed law requires necessary rules and regulations to be adopted by the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry and the Dept. of Education.

(Adds R.S. 3:4751 through 4756)