

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 117

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

NUTRITION. Prohibits the serving and selling of ultra-processed foods in public schools.  
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.3, relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling  
ultra-processed food to students in public and nonpublic schools; to require certain  
information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to provide  
a definition for ultra-processed food; to provide for an effective date; and to provide  
for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:192.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§192.3. Healthy school lunches; ultra-processed food prohibited**

**A. The legislature hereby finds that:**

**(1) Childhood obesity, morbidity, and wellness are matters of statewide  
concern.**

**(2) Ultra-processed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted food  
with synthetic additives is undernourishing minors at schools and contributing  
to childhood obesity.**

**(3) Any taxpayer funded meal or snack program offered to minors at  
schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of whole,**

1 minimally processed plant or animal products.

2 B. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, any city, parish, or other local  
3 public school board that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal  
4 program or any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funding shall not  
5 serve or sell, nor allow a third party to serve or sell ultra-processed food on the  
6 school campus during a regular school day. This Subsection does not prevent  
7 a student's parent or guardian from providing ultra-processed food to the  
8 student during a regular school day.

9 C. The state Department of Education shall post on the department's  
10 website the following:

11 (1) A standardized form that a public or nonpublic school may use to  
12 certify that the school is complying with the requirements prescribed by this  
13 Section.

14 (2) A list of each public or nonpublic school that has certified to the  
15 department that the school is complying with the requirements prescribed by  
16 this Section.

17 D. For the purposes of this Section, "ultra-processed food" means a food  
18 or beverage that contains one or more of the following ingredients:

19 (1) Aspartame.

20 (2) Blue dye 1.

21 (3) Blue dye 2.

22 (4) Brominated vegetable oil.

23 (5) Cottonseed oil.

24 (6) Grapeseed oil.

25 (7) Green dye 3.

26 (8) Potassium bromate.

27 (9) Propylparaben.

28 (10) Red dye 3.

29 (11) Red dye 40.

1                   **(12) Safflower oil.**

2                   **(13) Titanium dioxide.**

3                   **(14) Yellow dye 5.**

4                   **(15) Yellow dye 6.**

5                   **E. The provisions of this Section shall apply, except for food in**  
 6                   **concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.**

7                   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 8                   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 9                   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 10                  vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 11                  effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
 The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
 or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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#### DIGEST

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Proposed law prohibits serving or selling ultra-processed foods in public schools and nonpublic schools that receives state or federal funding.

Proposed law requires the state Department of Education to post on its website a standardized form to certify that a public or nonpublic school is complying with requirements and a list of all certified schools.

Proposed law defines ultra-processed food as a food or beverage that contains one or more of a provided list of ingredients.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:192.3)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes proposed law applicable to nonpublic schools that receive state or federal funding.
2. Provides an exception for food in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.