

SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, EDMONDS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS AND  
MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, EDMONSTON AND  
TAYLOR

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

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:192.3 and 3996(B)(4), relative to school nutrition programs; to prohibit serving and selling foods with certain ultra-processed ingredients to students in public and nonpublic schools; to require certain information to be posted on the state Department of Education's website; to authorize certain schools to purchase food produced in Louisiana; 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 and 3996(B)(4) are 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**

1 to childhood obesity.

2 (3) Any taxpayer funded meal or snack program offered to minors at  
3 schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of whole,  
4 minimally processed plant or animal products.

5 B.(1) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, any city, parish, or other  
6 local public school board that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal  
7 program or any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funding shall not  
8 serve or sell, nor allow a third party food management company to serve or sell,  
9 foods with certain ultra-processed ingredients as provided in Subsection D of  
10 this Section on the school campus during a regular school day. This Subsection  
11 does not prevent a student's parent or guardian from providing any food item  
12 of their choice to the student during a regular school day.

13 (2) Schools may begin implementing the provisions of this Section prior  
14 to the 2027-2028 school year.

15 (3) Full compliance with the requirements of this Section shall be  
16 mandatory beginning with the 2027-2028 school year.

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

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

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

25 D. Any food or beverage that contains one or more of the following  
26 ingredients shall not be served or sold during the regular school day:

27 (1) Aspartame.

28 (2) Blue dye 1.

29 (3) Blue dye 2.

30 (4) Brominated vegetable oil.

(5) Cottonseed oil.

(6) Grapeseed oil.

(7) Green dye 3.

(8) Potassium bromate.

(9) Propylparaben.

(10) Red dye 3.

(11) Red dye 40.

(12) Safflower oil.

(13) Titanium dioxide.

(14) Yellow dye 5.

(15) Yellow dye 6.

E. Any public school that participates in a federally funded or assisted meal program or any nonpublic school that receives state or federal funding shall, to the extent practicable, purchase food produced in Louisiana, subject to an appropriation by the legislature for such purpose.

F. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to food served or sold in concession stands and vending machines in accordance with R.S. 17:197.1.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(4) School nutrition, R.S. 17:192.3.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_