
HOUSE BILL No. 1305

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-17.

Synopsis: Farm to school plan. Requires the department of education to develop a "farm to school" plan for the purpose of providing children with locally produced foods in school breakfast, lunch, and snack programs.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2011]:

4 **Chapter 17. Farm to School Plan**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "farm to school plan" refers to**
6 **a plan developed under this chapter to connect schools with local**
7 **farms.**

8 **Sec. 2. The department, in conjunction with the state board,**
9 **shall develop a farm to school plan to connect schools with local**
10 **farms to provide children with locally produced fresh fruits and**
11 **vegetables, dairy products, and other nutritious, locally produced**
12 **foods for school breakfast, lunch, and snack programs. The**
13 **purposes of the farm to school plan are to help children develop**
14 **healthy eating habits, provide nutritional and agricultural**
15 **education, and improve farmers' direct access to markets.**

16 **Sec. 3. The farm to school plan developed under this chapter**
17 **must include the following:**



- 1 **(1) Promotion of farm to school programs and ways to**
- 2 **encourage schools, as part of farm to school programs, to**
- 3 **purchase food produced in Indiana and to provide nutritional**
- 4 **and agricultural education, including farm visits, cooking**
- 5 **demonstrations, and composting and gardening at schools.**
- 6 **(2) Identification of impediments to providing locally**
- 7 **produced fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, and**
- 8 **other nutritious, locally produced foods in school breakfast,**
- 9 **lunch, and snack programs, and methods to reduce or**
- 10 **eliminate those impediments.**
- 11 **(3) Promotion of communication between local farmers and**
- 12 **schools and of sales of food from local farmers to schools.**
- 13 **(4) Training and technical assistance for school food service**
- 14 **personnel and managers, farmers, and food distributors and**
- 15 **processors concerning farm to school programs and food**
- 16 **safety and procurement.**
- 17 **(5) Promotion of farm to school programs through a public**
- 18 **education campaign.**
- 19 **(6) Posting of information concerning farm to school**
- 20 **programs on the department's Internet web site.**
- 21 **(7) The fiscal impact of each component of the farm to school**
- 22 **plan, if any.**

23 **In determining whether a component has a fiscal impact under**
 24 **subdivision (7), consideration shall be given to whether the**
 25 **component will increase costs to the state or a school corporation**
 26 **or require the state or school corporation to reallocate resources.**

27 **Sec. 4. (a) For any component of the farm to school plan that has**
 28 **a fiscal impact, as determined under section 3 of this chapter, the**
 29 **state superintendent shall present the component to the general**
 30 **assembly:**

- 31 **(1) for consideration of the component; and**
- 32 **(2) to determine the amount of any appropriation in the state**
- 33 **budget for the fiscal years beginning in 2013 and 2014 that is**
- 34 **necessary to carry out the farm to school plan.**

35 **(b) To the extent a component of the farm to school plan does**
 36 **not have a fiscal impact, that component of the farm to school plan**
 37 **may be implemented after the state board holds a public hearing**
 38 **at which there is full public discussion and review by the state**
 39 **board.**

40 **Sec. 5. The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
 41 **implement this chapter.**

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