HB 2544

Introduced by
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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-242; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-242, to read:

15-242. Nutritional standards

A. The department shall develop minimum nutrition standards that are consistent with federal guidelines and regulations for foods and beverages sold or served on school grounds during the normal school day. These nutrition standards may include portion sizes, minimum nutrient values and a listing of contents.

B. All school districts shall participate in the National School Lunch Program as defined in Public Law 108-265.

C. Food and beverages sold or served on school grounds or at school-sponsored events during the normal school day shall meet the nutrition standards developed by the department, including foods and beverages offered at any of the following:

1. A la carte items in the food service program.
2. Food and beverages sold in vending machines, snack bars and meal-period kiosks and at school stores.

D. Foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 210.11(2) shall not be served or sold during the normal school day on any school campus.

E. Beginning on August 1, 2005, new contracts and renewal contracts for food or beverages, or both, shall expressly prohibit the sale of sugared, carbonated beverages and all other foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 210.11(2).

F. Any commercial advertising of foods or beverages on school grounds shall be consistent with the nutrition standards adopted by the department. Any commercial advertising partnership between a school district and another party shall be designed to comply with the nutrition standards developed by the department. A designated school official shall monitor all commercial advertising materials on an ongoing basis to ensure that all commercial advertising messages comply with the nutrition standards developed by the department.

G. Parents, pupils and community members may review food and beverage contracts to ensure that food and beverages sold on school campuses provide nutritious sustenance to pupils, promote good health, help students learn, provide energy and model fit living for life.