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CHAPTER 157
SENATE BILL 1267

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-242, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-242, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-242. Nutrition standards

5 A. ~~By July 1, 2006,~~ The department shall develop minimum nutrition
6 standards that meet at least federal guidelines and regulations for foods and
7 beverages sold or served on the school grounds of elementary schools, middle
8 schools and junior high schools during the normal school day. These
9 nutrition standards may include portion sizes, minimum nutrient values and a
10 listing of contents. This subsection does not prohibit the department from
11 developing minimum nutrition standards that are more stringent than the
12 federal guidelines and regulations for foods and beverages sold or served on
13 school grounds during the normal school day.

14 B. All elementary schools, middle schools and junior high schools
15 shall participate in the national school lunch program as defined in Public
16 Law 108-265 except that a school district with fewer than one hundred pupils
17 that is not currently participating in the national school lunch program may
18 be exempt from this subsection if the school district governing board
19 determines at a public meeting to not participate in the requirements of this
20 subsection.

21 C. Food and beverages sold or served on the school grounds of
22 elementary schools, middle schools and junior high schools or at
23 school-sponsored events of elementary schools, middle schools and junior high
24 schools during the normal school day shall meet the nutrition standards
25 developed by the department, including foods and beverages offered as any of
26 the following:

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

30 D. Foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by 7 Code of Federal
31 Regulations section 210.11(2) shall not be served or sold during the normal
32 school day on any elementary school, middle school or junior high school
33 campus.

34 E. ~~Beginning on July 15, 2006,~~ New contracts and renewal contracts for
35 food or beverages, or both, shall expressly prohibit the sale of sugared,
36 carbonated beverages and all other foods of minimal nutritional value as
37 defined by 7 Code of Federal Regulations section 210.11(2) on elementary
38 school, middle school and junior high school campuses. The department may
39 approve, ~~on or after the effective date of this section,~~ a carbonated drink
40 that is determined by the department to meet or exceed the department's
41 minimum nutrition standards.

42 F. Parents, pupils and community members may review food and beverage
43 contracts to ensure that food and beverages sold on elementary school, middle
44 school and junior high school campuses provide nutritious sustenance to
45 pupils, promote good health, help students learn, provide energy and model
46 fit living for life.

1 G. School districts that offer instruction in grades nine through
2 twelve may adopt nutrition standards for high school campuses.

3 ~~H. School districts that offer instruction in grades nine through~~
4 ~~twelve may adopt nutrition standards for high school campuses.~~

5 H. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
6 ISSUE EXEMPTIONS TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT
7 FUND-RAISERS THAT INCLUDE THE SALE OF FOODS OF MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL VALUE.

8 I. Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

9 1. Prohibit a school district from developing and adopting nutrition
10 standards that are more stringent than those developed pursuant to this
11 section.

12 2. Prohibit or limit the sale or distribution of any food or beverage
13 item through fund-raising activities of students, teachers or educational
14 groups when the items are intended for sale off the school grounds.

15 3. Prohibit or limit the sale or distribution of any food or beverage
16 items to teachers, administrators or other adults in a faculty lounge or
17 under other circumstances where the sale or distribution is limited to
18 teachers, administrators or other adults.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 1, 2015.

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