

SENATE BILL No. 171

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning the state board of education; establishing the fresh
10 start program.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established within the state board of
14 education the fresh start program to provide fresh fruits and vegetables
15 for public school pupils. This program shall be administered by the state
16 board of education.

17 (b) The program is intended to encourage public schools maintaining
18 kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to provide fruits and
19 vegetables that have not been deep fried to pupils in order to supplement
20 other fruits and vegetables that have not been deep fried and that are
21 available to those pupils, and in order to promote the consumption of
22 fresh fruits and vegetables by school-age children.

23 (c) Fruits and vegetables that have not been deep fried that are pro-
24 vided pursuant to sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall
25 be provided free of charge to a pupil eligible for free or reduced price
26 meals.

27 (d) Fruits and vegetables that have not been deep fried that are pro-
28 vided pursuant to sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, shall
29 be provided during the school day, but not during regularly scheduled
30 lunch periods.

31 (e) In making procurement decisions pursuant to sections 1 through
32 5, and amendments thereto, a school district shall give priority to the
33 purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables from Kansas producers, when
34 commercially available.

35 Sec. 2. (a) School districts may apply for funding, appropriated an-
36 nually for purposes of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, for
37 reimbursement of \$0.10 per meal, to be paid by the state board of edu-
38 cation, to supplement, but not to supplant, a school breakfast program
39 under K.S.A. 72-5125, and amendments thereto. These funds shall be
40 deposited into the food service fund of the school district.

41 (b) The funds described in subsection (a) shall be available to school
42 districts that meet all of the following criteria:

43 (1) Provide one to two servings of fresh fruits or vegetables, or both,

- 1 at breakfast, and give priority to serving fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 2 (2) Spend at least 90% of the funding for the direct purchase of fresh
3 fruits and vegetables.
- 4 (3) Do not spend any of the funding for the purchase of juice.
- 5 (c) The funds described in subsection (a) may be combined with
6 other funding sources to ensure that at least one serving per day of fresh
7 fruits or vegetables, or both, is provided to supplement the school break-
8 fast program pursuant to the fresh start program.
- 9 Sec. 3. School sites that already offer two servings of fresh fruits or
10 vegetables for breakfast may be reimbursed at \$0.10 per meal for provid-
11 ing fresh fruits or vegetables for after school snacks.
- 12 Sec. 4. School districts that do not operate school breakfast programs
13 are encouraged to establish school breakfast programs pursuant to K.S.A.
14 72-5125, and amendments thereto.
- 15 Sec. 5. The state board of education shall:
- 16 (a) Develop rules and regulations, as it deems necessary, to imple-
17 ment the program established pursuant to sections 1 through 5, and
18 amendments thereto.
- 19 (b) Establish guidelines for the evaluation of the fresh start program
20 developed pursuant to sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto.
- 21 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.