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Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reportedly determined that 20% of Indiana residents meet the medical definition of obese;

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reportedly identified 11.4% of Indiana high school students as overweight;

Whereas, It is imperative that we install healthier food choice decision-making in our young people if we are to positively change these statistics or successfully alter current trends;

Whereas, Recent newspaper reports have clearly demonstrated the poor quality of food choices made available to Indiana students in school lunchrooms;

Whereas, We should be able to count on schools to provide model nutritional choices for students who might not otherwise find wise counsel in their food consumption decisions;

Whereas, An Indianapolis Star columnist recently described today's typical public high school lunchroom as "a modified version of fast food courts," luring students to make poor food consumption choices, even during school hours;



and

Whereas, There seems to be a tendency for Indiana's school corporations to become reliant upon the funding generated by lucrative vending machine contracts that pour money into the hands of multinational corporations while further tempting school children into forming poor long-term eating habits: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
2 health finance commission the topic of nutritional needs in Indiana's
3 public schools, including the pervasive availability of unhealthy foods
4 in vending machines as well as the prospect of requiring additional
5 hours of class time devoted to physical education and other activities
6 aimed at improving student health.
7 SECTION 2. That the health finance commission shall operate
8 under the direction of the legislative council.

