

HOUSE BILL No. 1089

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-19-6.

Synopsis: Development of "farm to school" plans in schools. 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, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, 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 20-19-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2012]:

4 **Chapter 6. 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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