

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1783

By: Representatives Tollett, Brooks

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN-SCHOOL ACCESS TO VENDING MACHINES OFFERING FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT MEET THE NUTRITION STANDARDS OF THE FEDERAL SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN-SCHOOL ACCESS TO VENDING MACHINES OFFERING FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT MEET THE NUTRITION STANDARDS OF THE FEDERAL SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(c), concerning nutrition and physical activity standards for students, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Every school district shall:

(1) Prohibit for elementary school students in-school access to vending machines offering food and beverages;

(2)(A) Permit students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) in-school access to vending machines offering food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards of the federal Smart Snacks in School program throughout the school day according to the school's health and wellness plan.

(B) A school district shall not restrict the times that vending machines under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section are powered on or powered off.



(C) Subdivision (c)(2)(A) and (B) of this section only apply to schools offering vending machine services;

~~(2)~~(3) Require schools to include as part of the annual report to parents and the community the amounts and specific sources of funds received and expenditures made from competitive food and beverage contracts;

~~(3)~~(4) Beginning with kindergarten and then in even-numbered grades, require schools to include as a part of a student health report to parents a body mass index percentile by age for each student; and

~~(4)(A)~~(5)(A) Permit any parent to refuse to have his or her child's body mass index percentile for age assessed and reported, by providing a written refusal to the school.

(B) Students in grades eleven (11) and twelve (12) are exempt from any policy or requirement of a public school or the state for measuring or reporting body mass index.

/s/Tollett