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HOUSE BILL NO. 1261

BY REPRESENTATIVE HINES

HEALTH: Prohibits K-12 public schools from serving to students food containing trans fat

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:197.1(M), relative to foods and beverages in public elementary and
3 secondary schools; to restrict such schools from serving or making available food
4 containing trans fat; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:197.1(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §197.1. Foods and beverages ~~other than school breakfast or lunch~~ in public
8 elementary and secondary schools; legislative findings; restrictions

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10 M. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary including this
11 Section, beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and thereafter, food or snacks
12 containing trans fat shall not be served or made available to students at public
13 elementary and secondary schools or on the grounds of public elementary and
14 secondary schools at any time. For the purposes of this Subsection, a food shall be
15 deemed to contain trans fat if trans fat is listed as an ingredient or is listed on the
16 label of a food item, or if a food contains or is prepared with vegetable shortening,
17 margarine, or any kind of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. However, a food
18 whose nutrition facts label or other documentation from the manufacturer lists the
19 trans fat content of the food as less than five-tenths of a gram per serving shall not
20 be deemed to contain trans fat.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits public elementary and secondary schools from serving or making available any foods containing trans fat, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Proposed law provides that beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, food or snacks containing trans fat shall not be served or made available to students at public elementary and secondary schools or on school grounds. Provides that a food is deemed to contain trans fat if the food's label lists trans fat as an ingredient or if the food contains or was prepared with vegetable shortening, margarine, or any kind of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. Exempts from proposed law any food containing less than five-tenths of a gram of trans fat per serving.

(Adds R.S. 17:197.1(M))