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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a task force to set state level nutrition
2 standards for school districts and licensed preschools.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NUTRITION STANDARDS TASK FORCE.
1 2 1. The department of education, in consultation with the
1 3 department of public health, shall convene a task force to
1 4 develop nutrition standards for all foods sold on school
1 5 district and licensed preschool property including, as
1 6 appropriate, foods sold in competition with school district
1 7 and licensed preschool breakfast programs that benefit from
1 8 funds received by the department of education under the
1 9 federal National School Lunch Act and the federal Child
1 10 Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. } 1751=1785.
1 11 2. The standards developed and recommended by the task
1 12 force shall be based on a compilation of scientific evidence
1 13 and standards established by other states and shall be
1 14 designed to do all of the following:
1 15 a. Encourage the promotion of healthy foods for Iowa's
1 16 children.
1 17 b. Offer levels of participation by school districts and
1 18 licensed preschools to allow for local control.
1 19 c. Specify a timetable for acceptance of the standards by
1 20 the school districts and licensed preschools of the state by
1 21 July 1, 2010.
1 22 d. Assist schools in meeting the nutrition standard
1 23 requirements of Pub. L. No. 108=265, } 204(a), the general
1 24 local wellness policy provisions of the federal Child
1 25 Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.
1 26 e. Assist food vendors and the food industry by promoting
1 27 consistency relating to standard nutrient content and package
1 28 size among school districts and licensed preschools requesting
1 29 affordable and healthy foods and beverages.
1 30 f. Save school districts and licensed preschools the time
1 31 and costs of developing their own nutrition standards.
1 32 3. The task force shall design an incentive program for
1 33 school districts and licensed preschools that exhibit the
1 34 highest level of compliance with the nutrition standards
1 35 developed in accordance with this section.
2 1 4. Members of the task force shall include the following:
2 2 a. A representative of each of the following, appointed by
2 3 the respective entity:
2 4 (1) The bureau of nutrition programs and school
2 5 transportation of the department of education.
2 6 (2) The department of public health.
2 7 (3) The school nutrition association of Iowa.
2 8 (4) The Iowa dietetic association.
2 9 (5) The Iowa nurses association.
2 10 (6) Iowa partners: action for healthy kids.
2 11 (7) The Iowa beverage association.
2 12 (8) The Iowa automatic merchandising association.
2 13 b. A parent or guardian of a school-age child enrolled in
2 14 a school district with an enrollment of two thousand four
2 15 hundred ninety-nine students or less and a parent or guardian
2 16 of a school-age child enrolled in a school district with an
2 17 enrollment of more than two thousand four hundred ninety-nine
2 18 students, both of whom shall be appointed by the governor.
2 19 c. A student enrolled in a school district with an
2 20 enrollment of two thousand four hundred ninety-nine students

2 21 or less and a student enrolled in a school district with an
2 22 enrollment of more than two thousand four hundred ninety-nine
2 23 students, both of whom shall be appointed by the governor.
2 24 d. A school administrator or business manager employed in
2 25 a school district with an enrollment of two thousand four
2 26 hundred ninety-nine students or less and a school
2 27 administrator or business manager employed in a school
2 28 district with an enrollment of more than two thousand four
2 29 hundred ninety-nine students, both of whom shall be appointed
2 30 by the governor.

2 31 e. A food service director employed in a school district
2 32 with an enrollment of two thousand four hundred ninety-nine
2 33 students or less and a food service director employed in a
2 34 school district with an enrollment of more than two thousand
2 35 four hundred ninety-nine students, both of whom shall be
3 1 appointed by the governor.

3 2 5. The task force shall elect a chairperson and vice
3 3 chairperson from the members appointed pursuant to this
3 4 section. A majority of the members of the task force present
3 5 shall constitute a quorum.

3 6 6. The department of education shall provide staffing and
3 7 administrative support to the task force.

3 8 7. The task force shall submit its incentive program and
3 9 recommended standards in a report to the governor and the
3 10 general assembly by January 1, 2008.

3 11 EXPLANATION

3 12 This bill directs the department of education, in
3 13 consultation with the department of public health, to convene
3 14 a task force to develop nutrition standards for all foods sold
3 15 on school district and licensed preschool property, including,
3 16 as appropriate, foods sold in competition with school district
3 17 and licensed preschool breakfast programs that benefit from
3 18 funds received under the federal National School Lunch Act and
3 19 the federal Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. }

3 20 1751-1785.
3 21 The standards developed must be based on scientific
3 22 evidence and standards established by other states and be
3 23 designed to encourage the promotion of healthy foods for
3 24 Iowa's children, offer levels of participation to allow for
3 25 local control, specify a timetable for acceptance of the
3 26 standards by July 1, 2010, assist schools in meeting the local
3 27 wellness policy provisions of the federal Child Nutrition and
3 28 WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, assist food vendors and the
3 29 food industry by promoting consistency relating to standard
3 30 nutrient content and package size among school districts and
3 31 licensed preschools requesting affordable and healthy foods
3 32 and beverages, and save school districts and licensed
3 33 preschools the time and costs of developing their own
3 34 nutrition standards.

3 35 The task force must also design an incentive program for
4 1 school districts and licensed preschools that exhibit the
4 2 highest level of compliance with the nutrition standards.

4 3 Members of the task force include representatives of the
4 4 bureau of nutrition programs and school transportation of the
4 5 department of education, the department of public health, the
4 6 school nutrition association of Iowa, the Iowa dietetic
4 7 association, the Iowa nurses association, Iowa partners:
4 8 action for healthy kids, the Iowa beverage association, the
4 9 Iowa automatic merchandising association, and parents,
4 10 students, administrators or business managers, and food
4 11 service directors from urban and rural school districts.

4 12 The task force is to submit its incentive program and
4 13 recommended standards to the governor and the general assembly
4 14 by January 1, 2008.

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