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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the serving of foods containing insect
2 proteins, lab-grown proteins imitating animal products, and
3 genetically engineered products used to simulate animal
4 meats at schools.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 283A.1, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. "Nutritionally adequate meal" means a lunch or
4 breakfast which meets the guidelines established by the
5 department of education.

6 b. Such guidelines shall prohibit foods containing insect
7 proteins, lab-grown proteins imitating animal products, or
8 genetically engineered products used to simulate animal meats.

9 c. Any description used by the department of education for
10 a plant-based protein product used to imitate animal meat shall
11 indicate the primary ingredient in the product and the product
12 shall not be described as eggs, meat, burgers, or other term
13 commonly used to reference animal-based food products.

14 Sec. 2. INSECT, ARTIFICIAL, IMITATION, LAB-GROWN, AND
15 SUBSTITUTE FOODS — LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The general assembly
16 finds that the consumption of foods containing insect proteins,
17 lab-grown proteins imitating animal products, or genetically
18 engineered products used to simulate animal meats may have
19 unknown or untested adverse health consequences. As such, the
20 general assembly further finds that providing such foods as
21 an option for children at schools is an insult to the dignity
22 of this state's families and that no such options should be
23 allowed.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill prohibits the serving of foods containing insect
28 proteins, lab-grown proteins imitating animal products, and
29 genetically engineered products used to simulate animal meats
30 at schools.

31 Currently, school breakfast and lunch programs may only
32 serve foods that are deemed a nutritionally adequate meal by
33 department of education (DE) guidelines. The bill prohibits
34 DE guidelines from determining that any food containing insect
35 proteins, lab-grown proteins imitating animal products, or

1 genetically engineered products used to simulate animal meats
2 is a nutritionally adequate meal. The bill also requires DE
3 to indicate the primary ingredient in any plant-based protein
4 product used to imitate animal proteins and prohibits DE from
5 describing such products as eggs, meat, burgers, or other term
6 commonly used to reference animal-based food products.

7 The bill states findings by the general assembly that the
8 consumption of foods containing insect proteins, lab-grown
9 proteins imitating animal products, or genetically engineered
10 products used to simulate animal meats may have unknown or
11 untested adverse health consequences, that providing such
12 foods as an option for children at schools is an insult to the
13 dignity of this state's families, and that no such options
14 should be allowed.