

HOUSE BILL 751

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each local educational agency participating in the Jane
4 Lawton Farm-to-School Program to report by a certain date each year to the
5 Department of Agriculture the types and amounts of farm products purchased
6 from farms in the State; and generally relating to reporting requirements for
7 the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Agriculture
10 Section 10–1601
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 10–1601.

17 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

18 (2) “Farm product” means any agricultural, horticultural, vegetable,
19 fruit product, whether raw, canned, frozen, dried, pickled, or otherwise processed,
20 livestock, meats, marine food products, poultry, eggs, dairy products, nuts, honey, and
21 every edible product of farm, orchard, garden, or water.

22 (3) “Program” means the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) There is a Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department.

2 (c) The Program is established for the purpose of:

3 (1) Promoting the sale of farm products grown in the State to
4 Maryland schools in consultation with the State Department of Education;

5 (2) Soliciting farmers to sell their farm products to Maryland schools;

6 (3) Developing and regularly updating a database of farmers
7 interested in selling their farm products to Maryland schools, including the types and
8 amounts of farm products the farmers want to sell and the time periods in which the
9 farmers want to sell;

10 (4) Facilitating purchases from farmers by interested Maryland
11 schools in consultation with the State Department of Education and in compliance
12 with applicable procurement requirements; and

13 (5) Providing outreach and guidance to farmers concerning the value
14 of and procedure for selling their farm products to interested Maryland schools.

15 (d) (1) The Program, in partnership with the State Department of
16 Education and in consultation with school food service directors and interested
17 farming organizations, shall establish promotional events that promote State
18 agriculture and farm products to children through school meal and classroom
19 programs.

20 (2) At least one promotional event shall:

21 (i) Last for a period of 1 week;

22 (ii) Be known as "Maryland Homegrown School Lunch Week";

23 (iii) Promote State agriculture and farm products to children
24 through school meal and classroom programs; and

25 (iv) Arrange for interaction between students and farmers
26 through promotional activities that may include field trips to farms and in-school
27 presentations by farmers.

28 **(E) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH LOCAL**
29 **EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM SHALL REPORT TO**
30 **THE DEPARTMENT THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF FARM PRODUCTS PURCHASED**
31 **FROM FARMS IN THE STATE.**

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2011.