

HOUSE BILL 252

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By: **Delegates Waldstreicher, Carr, Gutierrez, Hixson, Kaiser, Luedtke, and Platt**
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program – Maryland Homegrown School Lunch**
3 **Week – Occurrence**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the occurrence of a certain promotional event established
5 under the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture;
6 requiring the promotional event to be held during certain seasons; and generally
7 relating to the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of
8 Agriculture.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Agriculture
11 Section 10–1601
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Agriculture**

17 10–1601.

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

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

23 (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 Maryland
4 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 interested in
7 selling their farm products to Maryland schools, including the types and amounts of farm
8 products the farmers want to sell and the time periods in which the farmers want to sell;

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

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

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

18 (2) At least one promotional event shall:

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

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

21 **(III) BE HELD TWICE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, ONCE IN THE**
22 **FALL AND ONCE IN THE SPRING;**

23 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(IV)** Promote State agriculture and farm products to children
24 through school meal and classroom programs; and

25 ~~[(iv)]~~ **(V)** 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 educational agency
29 participating in the Program shall report to the Department the types and amounts of farm
30 products purchased from farms in the State.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
32 1, 2015.