

# HOUSE BILL 679

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Primary and Secondary Education – Health and Safety – Chemical-Free Schools**  
3 **Act**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain public schools and certain local school systems from  
5 purchasing, selling, or serving certain foods that contain certain ingredients or  
6 certain chemicals under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the  
7 Chemical-Free Schools Act.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 7-423.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **7-423.1.**

17 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO FOOD SOLD OR SERVED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
18 **THROUGH:**

19 **(1) A VENDING MACHINE; AND**

20 **(2) A FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER THAT REGULARLY SELLS OR SERVES**  
21 **FOOD ITEMS ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY NOT PURCHASE,**  
2 **SELL, OR SERVE FOOD IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS IF**  
3 **THE FOOD CONTAINS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS OR CHEMICALS:**

4           **(1) ARTIFICIAL COLORS;**

5           **(2) ARTIFICIAL FLAVORINGS;**

6           **(3) ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS, INCLUDING:**

7               **(I) ACESULFAME POTASSIUM;**

8               **(II) ASPARTAME;**

9               **(III) SACCHARIN; AND**

10              **(IV) SUCRALOSE;**

11           **(4) BREAD OR FLOUR ADDITIVES, INCLUDING:**

12               **(I) AZODICARBONAMIDE; AND**

13               **(II) POTASSIUM BROMATE;**

14           **(5) BROMINATED VEGETABLE OIL (BVO);**

15           **(6) MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE (MSG) AND OTHER ADDITIVES**  
16 **CONTAINING GLUTAMATE, INCLUDING:**

17               **(I) AUTOLYZED YEAST;**

18               **(II) TORULA YEAST; AND**

19               **(III) HYDROLYZED VEGETABLE PROTEIN;**

20           **(7) MYCOPROTEIN (QUORN);**

21           **(8) PRESERVATIVES, INCLUDING:**

22               **(I) BUTYLATED HYDROXYANISOLE (BHA);**

23               **(II) BUTYLATED HYDROXYTOLUENE (BHT);**

1                   **(III) PROPYL GALLATE; AND**

2                   **(IV) TERTIARY BUTYLHYDROQUINONE (THBQ);**

3                   **(9) SODIUM NITRATE;**

4                   **(10) SODIUM NITRITE;**

5                   **(11) SULFUR DIOXIDE; AND**

6                   **(12) SODIUM SULFITE.**

7                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
8 1, 2015.