

SENATE BILL 278

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Health and Safety – Food Transparency**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to create certain dining menus;
4 requiring a certain dining menu to include certain information under certain
5 circumstances; requiring certain local school systems to post certain information on
6 the local school system’s Web site; requiring certain public schools to provide a
7 certain link on the public school’s Web site under certain circumstances; requiring
8 certain public schools to send, by regular mail, certain information to parents and
9 guardians under certain circumstances; and generally relating to food transparency
10 in public schools.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 7–437
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **7–437.**

20 **(A) (1) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL CREATE A MENU FOR ALL**
21 **FOOD AND DRINK ITEMS SOLD:**

22 **(I) AT BREAKFAST;**

23 **(II) AT LUNCH; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (III) A LA CARTE.

2 (2) IF AN A LA CARTE ITEM IS SOLD IN THE ITEM'S ORIGINAL
3 PACKAGING, THE MENU SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE
4 ITEM:

5 (I) THE MOST PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED BRAND AND
6 PRODUCT NAME; AND

7 (II) THE FLAVOR OF THE ITEM, IF APPLICABLE.

8 (3) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL POST THE INFORMATION
9 REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON THE LOCAL
10 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEB SITE.

11 (B) (1) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE, ON THE LOCAL
12 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEB SITE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH FOOD AND
13 DRINK ITEM THAT IS ON THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM'S A LA CARTE MENU:

14 (I) BRAND, MANUFACTURER, AND PRODUCT NAME;

15 (II) COMPLETE NUTRITION FACT LABELS FROM THE ITEM'S
16 ORIGINAL PACKAGING; AND

17 (III) COMPLETE INGREDIENT LISTS FROM THE ITEM'S ORIGINAL
18 PACKAGING.

19 (2) IF A LA CARTE ITEMS DIFFER FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL WITHIN A
20 LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
21 SHALL SEND, BY REGULAR MAIL AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH, A LIST OF THE SPECIFIC
22 A LA CARTE ITEMS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SELLS TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF
23 CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

24 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
25 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE A LINK ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEB SITE
26 TO THE INFORMATION IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION LOCATED ON THE LOCAL
27 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WEB SITE.

28 (2) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE A SCHOOL WEB SITE, THE
29 SCHOOL SHALL SEND, BY REGULAR MAIL AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH, THE
30 INFORMATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO PARENTS AND
31 GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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