

HOUSE BILL 1545

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By: **Delegates Waldstreicher and A. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Education – Nutrition Standards for Public School Food**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Education to establish minimum nutrition
4 standards for foods provided or sold in public schools, including certain requirements
5 that relate to milk, grains, and sodium content; requiring the nutrition standards
6 established by the State Board for meals offered by schools that participate in certain
7 federal programs to meet or be more stringent than certain federal nutrition
8 standards and guidelines; and generally relating to nutrition standards for foods
9 provided or sold in public schools.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 7–441

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **7–441.**

19 **(A) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH MINIMUM NUTRITION**
20 **STANDARDS FOR FOODS PROVIDED OR SOLD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING**
21 **REQUIREMENTS THAT:**

22 **(1) ANY FLAVORED FLUID MILK SHALL BE FAT FREE;**

23 **(2) ALL GRAINS SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) CONTAIN 100% WHOLE GRAINS; OR**

2 **(II) BE WHOLE GRAIN-RICH PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN A BLEND**
3 **OF WHOLE GRAIN AND ENRICHED MEAL OR FLOUR, OF WHICH AT LEAST 50% IS**
4 **WHOLE GRAIN; AND**

5 **(3) (I) FROM JULY 1, 2018, TO JUNE 30, 2022, BOTH INCLUSIVE,**
6 **THE SODIUM CONTENT OF SCHOOL MEALS OFFERED TO EACH GRADE GROUP, ON**
7 **AVERAGE OVER THE SCHOOL WEEK, SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN THE TARGET 2**
8 **AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN 7 C.F.R. PART 210.10 FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND IN 7**
9 **C.F.R. PART 220.8 FOR SCHOOL BREAKFASTS; AND**

10 **(II) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, THE SODIUM CONTENT OF**
11 **SCHOOL MEALS OFFERED TO EACH GRADE GROUP, ON AVERAGE OVER THE SCHOOL**
12 **WEEK, SHALL BE NO GREATER THAN THE FINAL TARGET AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN 7**
13 **C.F.R. PART 210.10 FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND IN 7 C.F.R. PART 220.8 FOR**
14 **SCHOOL BREAKFASTS.**

15 **(B) THE NUTRITION STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR**
16 **MEALS OFFERED BY SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL SCHOOL LUNCH**
17 **OR BREAKFAST PROGRAM SHALL MEET OR BE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE**
18 **APPLICABLE NUTRITION STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE**
19 **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2018.