

HOUSE BILL 696

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CF SB 158

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Farm-to-School Program – Activities and Promotional Events**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the
4 Department of Agriculture; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring
5 the Program to establish certain promotional events for certain purposes;
6 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Jane
7 Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Agriculture

10 Section 10-1601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Jane Lawton
11 Farm-to-School Program”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2007 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Agriculture**

17 **SUBTITLE 16. JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **10-1601.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (2) "FARM PRODUCT" MEANS ANY AGRICULTURAL,
5 HORTICULTURAL, VEGETABLE, FRUIT PRODUCT, WHETHER RAW, CANNED,
6 FROZEN, DRIED, PICKLED, OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED, LIVESTOCK, MEATS,
7 MARINE FOOD PRODUCTS, POULTRY, EGGS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, NUTS, HONEY,
8 AND EVERY EDIBLE PRODUCT OF FARM, ORCHARD, GARDEN, OR WATER.

9 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL
10 PROGRAM.

11 (B) THERE IS A JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE
12 DEPARTMENT.

13 (C) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

14 (1) PROMOTING THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS GROWN IN THE
15 STATE TO ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH
16 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ~~AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;~~

17 (2) SOLICITING FARMERS TO SELL THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO
18 ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES;~~

19 (3) DEVELOPING AND REGULARLY UPDATING A DATABASE OF
20 FARMERS INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO ~~STATE~~
21 ~~MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~, INCLUDING THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS
22 OF FARM PRODUCTS THE FARMERS WANT TO SELL AND THE TIME PERIODS
23 THAT THE FARMERS WANT TO SELL;

24 (4) FACILITATING PURCHASES FROM FARMERS BY INTERESTED
25 ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
26 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE
27 PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND

28 (5) PROVIDING OUTREACH AND GUIDANCE TO FARMERS
29 CONCERNING THE VALUE OF AND PROCEDURE FOR SELLING THEIR FARM
30 PRODUCTS TO INTERESTED ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.~~

31 (D) (1) THE PROGRAM, IN ~~CONSULTATION~~ PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
32 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND IN
33 CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS, AND INTERESTED
34 FARMING ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL ESTABLISH PROMOTIONAL EVENTS THAT

1 PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARM PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN THROUGH
2 SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS.

3 (2) AT LEAST ONE PROMOTIONAL EVENT SHALL:

4 (I) LAST FOR A PERIOD OF 1 WEEK;

5 (II) BE KNOWN AS "MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL
6 LUNCH WEEK";

7 (III) PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARM PRODUCTS
8 TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS; AND

9 (IV) ARRANGE FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
10 FARMERS, ~~INCLUDING~~ THROUGH PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY
11 INCLUDE FIELD TRIPS TO FARMS AND IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS BY
12 FARMERS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.