

HOUSE BILL 1225

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Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2012

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Guidelines for Using State Produce in Schools – Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish
4 guidelines requiring each county board of education to make certain efforts to
5 procure produce served in public schools from farms or community gardens
6 located within the State, to serve the produce in a certain manner, and to
7 submit a certain annual report to the Department; and generally relating to the
8 use in public schools of produce grown in the State.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–7A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7A. State Produce in
12 Schools Program”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **SUBTITLE 7A. STATE PRODUCE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM.**

19 **7–7A–01.**

20 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES REQUIRING EACH**
21 **COUNTY BOARD TO:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) MAKE BEST EFFORTS TO PROCURE PRODUCE SERVED IN**
2 **PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM FARMS OR COMMUNITY GARDENS LOCATED WITHIN THE**
3 **STATE;**

4 **(2) SERVE THE PRODUCE PROCURED FROM FARMS AND**
5 **COMMUNITY GARDENS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE IN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS IN**
6 **ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS**
7 **GOVERNING FOOD SAFETY; AND**

8 **(3) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT**
9 **DISCLOSING THE PERCENTAGE OF PRODUCE SERVED IN THE COUNTY SCHOOLS**
10 **FROM FARMS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 June 1, 2012.