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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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4/22/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations (Siplin)
2 recommended the following **amendment to amendment (090688)**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

5 Between lines 74 and 75,
6 insert:

7 (6) The Legislature, recognizing that school children need
8 nutritious food not only for healthy physical and intellectual
9 development, but also to combat diseases related to poor
10 nutrition and obesity, establishes the Florida Farm Fresh Schools
11 Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
12 Services as the lead agency for the program. The program shall:

13 (a) Require the department to work with the Department of
14 Education to recommend policies and rules to the State Board of
15 Education pertaining to school food services which:



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16 1. Encourage the patronization of products from farmers in
17 this state by requiring school districts and schools to buy fresh
18 and high quality foods grown in this state when feasible;

19 2. Encourage and solicit farmers in this state to sell
20 their products to school districts and schools in this state;

21 3. Require school districts and schools to make reasonable
22 efforts to select foods based on a preference for those that have
23 maximum nutritional content; and

24 4. Encourage school districts and schools to demonstrate a
25 preference for competitively priced organic food products.

26 (b) Require the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
27 Services to provide outreach, guidance, and training to school
28 districts, schools, school food service directors, parent and
29 teacher organizations, and students about the benefits of fresh
30 food products from farms in this state.

31 (c) Exempt fresh fruits and vegetables purchased as a
32 result of the Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program from the
33 Category Two bid limit of \$25,000 in s. 287.057.

34 (d) Maintain compliance with the rules and regulations of
35 the National School Lunch Program.

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37 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

39 Delete lines 7 and 8

40 and insert:

41 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 1006.06, Florida
42 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
43 section, to read:

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45 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====



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46 | And the title is amended as follows:

47 | On line 155, after the semicolon,
48 | insert:

49 | creating the Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program within
50 | the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
51 | providing legislative intent; requiring the department
52 | to work with the Department of Education to recommend
53 | policies and rules to the State Board of Education
54 | relating to school food services which encourage
55 | schools and school districts in this state to buy fresh
56 | and local food; requiring the Department of Agriculture
57 | and Consumer Services to provide outreach and training
58 | regarding the benefits of fresh food products from this
59 | state; exempting the procurement of fresh fruits and
60 | vegetables purchased for the Florida Farm Fresh Schools
61 | Program from certain bid limits pursuant to s. 287.057,
62 | F.S.; requiring the program to maintain compliance with
63 | the rules and regulations of the National School Lunch
64 | Program;