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By Senator Dawson

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nutrition services in elementary and secondary public schools; requiring each public school to make the nutritional value of meals served in the cafeteria available to the public; providing nutritional standards for food that is available to school children on school campuses; requiring the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness to study the effects of high-fructose corn syrup on school children; requiring the council to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Regulation of food sold or prepared on public school campuses.--

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(1) Each public elementary, middle, and high school in this state shall post in a conspicuous place in its cafeteria and on the school website the nutritional value of every meal served in the cafeteria. Such posting must be accessible to the parent or guardian of each student.

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(2) Each public middle school shall reduce snack items and drinks sold in vending machines which contain high-fructose corn syrup and increase the number of healthier items sold in vending machines, such as vegetable juice, 100 percent fruit juice having natural sugars, and drinking water.

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(3) In order to reduce the risk of diabetes and other health abnormalities in children, the school cafeteria in each public elementary, middle, and high school shall serve meals that

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Section 2. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness shall study the effects of high-fructose corn syrup on children in grades 7-12 and issue an annual report by December 15, 2009, and each year thereafter, stating its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The council shall submit its reports to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.