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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/26/2009	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wise) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 1006.06,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

1006.06 School food service programs.—

(6) The Legislature, recognizing that school children need  
nutritious food not only for healthy physical and intellectual  
development, but also to combat diseases related to poor  
nutrition and obesity, establishes the Florida Farm Fresh



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12 Schools Program within the Department of Education as the lead  
13 agency for the program. The program shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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

39 And the title is amended as follows:

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41 and insert:

42                   A bill to be entitled  
43           An act relating to school food service programs;  
44           amending s. 1006.06, F.S.; creating the Florida Farm  
45           Fresh Schools Program within the Department of  
46           Education; providing legislative intent; requiring the  
47           department to work with the Department of Agriculture  
48           and Consumer Services to recommend policies and rules  
49           to the State Board of Education relating to school  
50           food services which encourage schools and school  
51           districts in this state to buy fresh and local food;  
52           requiring the Department of Education, in  
53           collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and  
54           Consumer Services, to provide outreach services  
55           regarding the benefits of fresh food products from  
56           this state; requiring the program to maintain  
57           compliance with the rules and regulations of the  
58           National School Lunch Program; providing an effective  
59           date.