

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school food service programs; amending
 3 s. 1006.06, F.S.; creating the Florida Farm Fresh Schools
 4 Program within the Department of Education; providing
 5 legislative intent; requiring the department to work with
 6 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
 7 recommend policies and rules to the State Board of
 8 Education relating to school food services which encourage
 9 schools and school districts in this state to buy fresh
 10 and local food; requiring the Department of Education, in
 11 collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and
 12 Consumer Services, to provide outreach services regarding
 13 the benefits of fresh food products from this state;
 14 requiring the program to maintain compliance with the
 15 rules and regulations of the National School Lunch
 16 Program; providing an effective date.

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

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

22 1006.06 School food service programs.—

23 (6) The Legislature, recognizing that school children need
 24 nutritious food not only for healthy physical and intellectual
 25 development but also to combat diseases related to poor
 26 nutrition and obesity, establishes the Florida Farm Fresh
 27 Schools Program within the Department of Education as the lead
 28 agency for the program. The program shall:

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29 (a) Require the department to work with the Department of
30 Agriculture and Consumer Services to recommend policies and
31 rules to the State Board of Education pertaining to school food
32 services which:

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

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

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

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

43 (b) Require the Department of Education, in collaboration
44 with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to
45 provide outreach, guidance, and training to districts, schools,
46 school food service directors, parent and teacher organizations,
47 and students about the benefits of fresh food products from
48 farms in this state.

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

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.