

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; requiring the  
 5           program to comply with regulations of the National School  
 6           Lunch Program and meet specified requirements; requiring  
 7           the department to work with the Department of Agriculture  
 8           and Consumer Services to develop policies that encourage  
 9           school districts to buy fresh and local food and select  
 10          foods with maximum nutritional content; requiring the  
 11          department, in collaboration with the Department of  
 12          Agriculture and Consumer Services, to provide outreach  
 13          services regarding the benefits of fresh food products  
 14          from this state; providing an effective date.

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

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

20           1006.06 School food service programs.—

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

28           (a) The Department of Education to work with the

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29 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to develop  
30 policies pertaining to school food services which encourage:

31 1. School districts to buy fresh and high-quality foods  
32 grown in this state when feasible.

33 2. Farmers in this state to sell their products to school  
34 districts and schools.

35 3. School districts and schools to demonstrate a  
36 preference for competitively priced organic food products.

37 (b) School districts and schools to make reasonable  
38 efforts to select foods based on a preference for those that  
39 have maximum nutritional content.

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

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