

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to artificial food dyes in K-12
 3 schools; providing legislative findings; creating s.
 4 595.411, F.S.; prohibiting the use of specified dyes
 5 in foods for certain K-12 food programs; amending s.
 6 1001.42, F.S.; requiring district school boards to
 7 adopt a policy prohibiting the use of specified food
 8 dyes in foods for certain food programs and vending
 9 machines; providing exemptions from such prohibition;
 10 providing an effective date.

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 12 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that synthetic food dyes
 13 have been linked to behavioral problems in children, potentially
 14 leading to diminished learning environments in schools, and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that parents lose
 16 control over their children's nutrition once their children
 17 enter school, having access to food dyes that may not be
 18 available at home, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 21 **Section 1. Section 595.411, Florida Statutes, is created**
 22 **to read:**

23 595.411 Artificial dye prohibited.—Notwithstanding any
 24 other law to the contrary, any foods served in a program or the
 25 school breakfast program may not contain the following:

26 (1) Allura Red AC, also known as red 40.

27 (2) Tartrazine, also known as yellow 5.

28 (3) Sunset yellow FCF, also known as yellow 6.

29 (4) Brilliant blue FCF, also known as blue 1.

30 (5) Indigo carmine, also known as blue 2.

31 (6) Fast Green FCF, also known as green 3.

32 **Section 2. Subsection (30) is added to section 1001.42,**
33 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

34 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
35 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
36 powers and perform all duties listed below:

37 (30) PROHIBIT FOOD DYES ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES.—

38 (a) Adopt a policy prohibiting the use of the food dyes
39 listed in paragraph (b) in:

40 1. Vending machines located on school campuses within the
41 district if such vending machines are available to students 1
42 hour before the start of the school day through the school day.

43 2. Pursuant to s. 595.411, the National School Lunch
44 Program, the Special Milk Program, the School Breakfast Program,
45 the Summer Food Service Program, and any other school food and
46 nutrition service programs under the authority of the Department
47 of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

48 (b) The use of the following dyes are prohibited in the
49 programs and vending machines listed in paragraph (a):

50 1. Allura Red AC, also known as red 40.

- 51 2. Tartrazine, also known as yellow 5.
- 52 3. Sunset yellow FCF, also known as yellow 6.
- 53 4. Brilliant blue FCF, also known as blue 1.
- 54 5. Indigo carmine, also known as blue 2.
- 55 6. Fast Green FCF, also known as green 3.
- 56 (c) The policy adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) does not
 57 apply to food that is:
- 58 1. Available for sale or offered on a school campus
 59 outside of school hours, including at interscholastic and
 60 intrascholastic extracurricular student activities.
- 61 2. At classroom parties or events.
- 62 3. For sale through another organization, including
 63 parent-teacher associations and organizations.
- 64 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.