

HB 202 -- Missouri Calcium Initiative

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This bill creates a Missouri Calcium Initiative. The bill requires that a purchasing agent for any state governmental entity or school district that purchases food or beverages which are served in a building or room operated or owned by the entity give preference to high calcium food and beverages that are equal to or lower in price than products of the same type and quality. If a state institution determines that the food and beverages will interfere with the proper treatment and care of a patient, it need not make the purchases for that patient.

The provisions of the initiative are in addition to any requirements placed upon a governmental entity by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program.

The bill does not require voiding the terms of any contract entered before July 1, 2003.

The bill contains an emergency clause.