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AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school nutrition.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.1250, to read as follows:

162.1250. By January 1, 2006, every school district shall develop a written policy on food choices in its schools. The policy shall contain at least the following elements:

- (1) Foods of more than minimal nutritive value, as defined in Title 7 CFR Part 220.2, such as fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy foods, and low-fat grain products, shall be available wherever and whenever food is sold or otherwise offered at school.
- (2) Schools shall make substantial efforts to encourage students to make nutritious food choices and to link nutrition as covered by the Show-Me Standards in academic courses to the practical choices facing students. Schools shall provide for the posting on a wall in public view of nutritional information pursuant to the federal Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 for prepackaged items, or in printed form upon request, to be provided by the vendor.
- (3) Food and beverages sold or served on school grounds or at school-sponsored events shall meet nutritional standards and other guidelines set by the district. This includes à la carte offerings in the food service program; food and beverage choices in vending machines, snack bars, school stores, and concession stands; food and beverages

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sold as part of school-sponsored fundraising activities; and refreshments served at parties,
celebrations, and meetings.

- (4) The district shall specify when food and beverages may be sold from vending machines or school stores. Profits generated from sales of foods or beverages in vending machines or school stores shall accrue to the programs or organizations designated by the policy.
- (5) Business sponsorship of educational activities and materials shall be duly acknowledged. However, such partnerships shall be designed to meet identified educational needs of the school or district, not the commercial motives of the business, and shall be evaluated for educational effectiveness by the district on an ongoing basis.
- (6) After January 1, 2006, no district shall enter into a contract under which carbonated beverages are provided through vending machines on school grounds.