

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 245,
2 Page 33, Section 249.1120, Line 87, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "262.960. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "[Farm-to-School]
5 Farm-to-Table Act".

6 2. There is hereby created within the department of agriculture the "[Farm-to-School]
7 Farm-to-Table Program" to connect Missouri farmers and [schools] institutions in order to provide
8 [schools] institutions with locally grown agricultural products for inclusion in [school] meals and
9 snacks and to strengthen local farming economies. The department shall establish parameters for
10 program goals, which shall include, but not be limited to, participating institutions purchasing at
11 least five percent of their food products locally by December 31, 2018. The department shall
12 designate an employee to administer and monitor the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table program and to
13 serve as liaison between Missouri farmers and [schools] institutions.

14 3. The following agencies shall make staff available to the Missouri [farm-to-school]
15 farm-to-table program for the purpose of providing professional consultation and staff support to
16 assist the implementation of this section:

- 17 (1) The department of health and senior services;
18 (2) The department of elementary and secondary education; [and]
19 (3) The office of administration; and
20 (4) The department of corrections.

21 4. The duties of the department employee coordinating the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table
22 program shall include, but not be limited to:

- 23 (1) Establishing and maintaining a website database to allow farmers and [schools]
24 institutions to connect whereby farmers can enter the locally grown agricultural products they
25 produce along with pricing information, the times such products are available, and where they are
26 willing to distribute such products;
27 (2) Providing leadership at the state level to encourage [schools] institutions to procure and
28 use locally grown agricultural products;
29 (3) Conducting workshops and training sessions and providing technical assistance to
30 [school] institution food service directors, personnel, farmers, and produce distributors and
31 processors regarding the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table program; and
32 (4) Seeking grants, private donations, or other funding sources to support the
33 [farm-to-school] farm-to-table program.

34 262.962. 1. As used in this section, section 262.960, and subsection 5 of section 348.407,
35 the following terms shall mean:

- 36 (1) "Institutions", facilities including, but not limited to, schools, correctional facilities,

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1 hospitals, nursing homes, and military bases;

2 (2) "Locally grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced or processed by a small
3 agribusiness or small farm;

4 [(2)] (3) "Schools", includes any school in this state that maintains a food service program
5 under the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the school;

6 [(3)] (4) "Small agribusiness", a qualifying agribusiness as defined in section 348.400, and
7 located in Missouri with gross annual sales of less than five million dollars;

8 [(4)] (5) "Small farm", a family-owned farm or family farm corporation as defined in section
9 350.010, and located in Missouri with less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in gross sales per
10 year.

11 2. There is hereby created a taskforce under the AgriMissouri marketing program established
12 in section 261.230, which shall be known as the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-to-Table Taskforce". The
13 taskforce shall be made up of at least one representative from each of the following [agencies]: the
14 University of Missouri extension service, the department of agriculture, the department of
15 corrections, the department of health and senior services, the department of elementary and
16 secondary education, [and] the office of administration, and a representative from one of the military
17 bases in the state. In addition, the director of the department of agriculture shall appoint [two
18 persons] one person actively engaged in the practice of small agribusiness. In addition, the [director
19 of the department of elementary and secondary] commissioner of education shall appoint [two
20 persons] one person from schools within the state who direct a food service program. The director of
21 the department of corrections shall appoint one person employed as a correctional facility food
22 service director. The director of the department of health and senior services shall appoint one
23 person employed as a hospital or nursing home food service director. One representative for the
24 department of agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the taskforce and shall coordinate the
25 taskforce meetings. The taskforce shall hold at least two meetings, but may hold more as it deems
26 necessary to fulfill its requirements under this section. Staff of the department of agriculture may
27 provide administrative assistance to the taskforce if such assistance is required.

28 3. The mission of the taskforce is to provide recommendations for strategies that:

29 (1) Allow [schools] institutions to more easily incorporate locally grown agricultural
30 products into their cafeteria offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

31 (2) Allow [schools] institutions to work with food service providers to ensure greater use of
32 locally grown agricultural products by developing standardized language for food service contracts.

33 4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the taskforce shall review various food service
34 contracts of [schools] institutions within the state to identify standardized language that could be
35 included in such contracts to allow [schools] institutions to more easily procure and use locally
36 grown agricultural products.

37 5. The taskforce shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and shall
38 deliver such report to the governor, the general assembly, and to the director of each [agency] entity
39 represented on the taskforce [by no later than December 31, 2015] no later than December thirty-first
40 of each year.

41 6. In conducting its work, the taskforce may hold public meetings at which it may invite
42 testimony from experts, or it may solicit information from any party it deems may have information
43 relevant to its duties under this section.

44 [7. This section shall expire on December 31, 2015.]; and

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46 Further amend said bill, Page 35, Section 347.048, Line 18, by inserting after all of said section and
47 line the following:

1 "348.407. 1. The authority shall develop and implement agricultural products utilization
2 grants as provided in this section.

3 2. The authority may reject any application for grants pursuant to this section.

4 3. The authority shall make grants, and may make loans or guaranteed loans from the grant
5 fund to persons for the creation, development and operation, for up to three years from the time of
6 application approval, of rural agricultural businesses whose projects add value to agricultural
7 products and aid the economy of a rural community.

8 4. The authority may make loan guarantees to qualified agribusinesses for agricultural
9 business development loans for businesses that aid in the economy of a rural community and support
10 production agriculture or add value to agricultural products by providing necessary products and
11 services for production or processing.

12 5. The authority may make grants, loans, or loan guarantees to Missouri businesses to access
13 resources for accessing and processing locally grown agricultural products for use in [schools]
14 institutions, as defined in section 262.962, within the state.

15 6. The authority may, upon the provision of a fee by the requesting person in an amount to
16 be determined by the authority, provide for a feasibility study of the person's rural agricultural
17 business concept.

18 7. Upon a determination by the authority that such concept is feasible and upon the provision
19 of a fee by the requesting person, in an amount to be determined by the authority, the authority may
20 then provide for a marketing study. Such marketing study shall be designed to determine whether
21 such concept may be operated profitably.

22 8. Upon a determination by the authority that the concept may be operated profitably, the
23 authority may provide for legal assistance to set up the business. Such legal assistance shall include,
24 but not be limited to, providing advice and assistance on the form of business entity, the availability
25 of tax credits and other assistance for which the business may qualify as well as helping the person
26 apply for such assistance.

27 9. The authority may provide or facilitate loans or guaranteed loans for the business
28 including, but not limited to, loans from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural
29 Development Program, subject to availability. Such financial assistance may only be provided to
30 feasible projects, and for an amount that is the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur,
31 as determined by the authority. The authority may structure the financial assistance in a way that
32 facilitates the project, but also provides for a compensatory return on investment or loan payment to
33 the authority, based on the risk of the project.

34 10. The authority may provide for consulting services in the building of the physical
35 facilities of the business.

36 11. The authority may provide for consulting services in the operation of the business.

37 12. The authority may provide for such services through employees of the state or by
38 contracting with private entities.

39 13. The authority may consider the following in making the decision:

40 (1) The applicant's commitment to the project through the applicant's risk;

41 (2) Community involvement and support;

42 (3) The phase the project is in on an annual basis;

43 (4) The leaders and consultants chosen to direct the project;

44 (5) The amount needed for the project to achieve the bankable stage; and

45 (6) The project's planning for long-term success through feasibility studies, marketing plans,
46 and business plans.

47 14. The department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, the department of
48 economic development and the University of Missouri may provide such assistance as is necessary

1 for the implementation and operation of this section. The authority may consult with other state and
2 federal agencies as is necessary.

3 15. The authority may charge fees for the provision of any service pursuant to this section.

4 16. The authority may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

5 17. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
6 under the authority delegated in sections 348.005 to 348.180 shall become effective only if it
7 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
8 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and
9 repealed. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed
10 or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable provisions of law. This
11 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
12 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are
13 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
14 adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void."; and

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16 Further amend said bill, Page 36, Section B, Line 6, by inserting after all of said section and line the
17 following:

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19 "Section C. The repeal and reenactment of sections 262.960 and 348.407 of section A of this
20 act shall become effective January 1, 2016."; and

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22 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
23 accordingly.
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