

SENATE BILL 158

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By: **Senators Raskin, Madaleno, Colburn, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Harris, Jones, King, Lenett, Peters, Pinsky, and Rosapepe**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Farm-to-School Program - Activities and Promotional Events**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Jane Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the
4 Department of Agriculture; establishing the purposes of the Program; requiring
5 the Program to establish certain promotional events for certain purposes;
6 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of the Jane
7 Lawton Farm-to-School Program in the Department of Agriculture.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Agriculture
10 Section 10-1601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Jane Lawton
11 Farm-to-School Program"
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2007 Replacement Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Agriculture**

17 **SUBTITLE 16. JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

18 **10-1601.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) "FARM PRODUCT" MEANS ANY AGRICULTURAL,
22 HORTICULTURAL, VEGETABLE, FRUIT PRODUCT, WHETHER RAW, CANNED,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 FROZEN, DRIED, PICKLED, OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED, LIVESTOCK, MEATS,
2 MARINE FOOD PRODUCTS, POULTRY, EGGS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, NUTS, HONEY,
3 AND EVERY EDIBLE PRODUCT OF FARM, ORCHARD, GARDEN, OR WATER.

4 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL
5 PROGRAM.

6 (B) THERE IS A JANE LAWTON FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE
7 DEPARTMENT.

8 (C) THE PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

9 (1) PROMOTING THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS GROWN IN THE
10 STATE TO STATE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS;

12 (2) SOLICITING FARMERS TO SELL THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO
13 STATE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES;

14 (3) DEVELOPING AND REGULARLY UPDATING A DATABASE OF
15 FARMERS INTERESTED IN SELLING THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO STATE SCHOOLS
16 AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF FARM PRODUCTS
17 THE FARMERS WANT TO SELL AND THE TIME PERIODS THAT THE FARMERS
18 WANT TO SELL;

19 (4) FACILITATING PURCHASES FROM FARMERS BY INTERESTED
20 STATE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE
21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND

22 (5) PROVIDING OUTREACH AND GUIDANCE TO FARMERS
23 CONCERNING THE VALUE OF AND PROCEDURE FOR SELLING THEIR FARM
24 PRODUCTS TO INTERESTED STATE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES.

25 (D) (1) THE PROGRAM, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE
26 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, SCHOOL FOOD
27 SERVICE DIRECTORS, AND INTERESTED FARMING ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL
28 ESTABLISH PROMOTIONAL EVENTS THAT PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND
29 FARM PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM
30 PROGRAMS.

31 (2) AT LEAST ONE PROMOTIONAL EVENT SHALL:

32 (I) LAST FOR A PERIOD OF 1 WEEK;

1 (II) BE KNOWN AS “MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL
2 LUNCH WEEK”;

3 (III) PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARM PRODUCTS
4 TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS; AND

5 (IV) ARRANGE FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
6 FARMERS, INCLUDING FIELD TRIPS TO FARMS AND IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS
7 BY FARMERS.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2008.