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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-16.4, relating to eliminating trans fats in public schools.*

Patrons—Edwards, Bell and Whipple; Delegate: Armstrong

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-16.4 as follows:

§ 22.1-16.4. Regulations to eliminate foods containing trans fatty acids from public schools.

The Board shall promulgate regulations for the elimination of all foods containing trans fatty acids from public schools by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The gradual elimination shall begin with the elimination of vegetable oils containing trans fats from school cafeterias by the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The final ban shall extend to all (i) foods sold as part of the official school breakfast and lunch programs, (ii) foods sold in vending machines on school grounds, and (iii) competitive foods sold during school hours. For the purposes of this section, "trans fatty acids," also called "trans fats," means fats that are artificially created through a chemical process involving the hydrogenation of oils.

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