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9 Referred to Committee on

10 Date:

11 Subject: Education; health; nutrition; food programs; competitive food;
12 artificial dyes

13 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
14 use of certain artificial dyes in competitive food and food and beverages served
15 as part of a school district or an approved independent school's food programs.

16 An act relating to prohibiting certain artificial dyes in foods and beverages
17 served or sold at school

18 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

19 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1264b is added to read:

20 § 1264b. ARTIFICIAL DYES

1 (a) In operating its school lunch and breakfast program, pursuant to the
2 National School Lunch Act, as amended, and the Child Nutrition Act, as
3 amended, respectively, or selling competitive food, a school district and an
4 approved independent school shall not serve a food or beverage during the
5 school day containing one or more of the following substances:

6 (1) Blue 1 (CAS 3844-45-9);

7 (2) Blue 2 (CAS 860-22-0);

8 (3) Green 3 (CAS 2353-45-9);

9 (4) Red 40 (CAS 25956-17-6);

10 (5) Yellow 5 (CAS 1934-21-0); and

11 (6) Yellow 6 (CAS 2783-94-0).

12 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to those foods or
13 beverages sold or served away from a school campus or at least one half-hour
14 after the school day until 12:00 midnight.

15 (c) As used in this section:

16 (1) “Competitive food” has the same meaning as in 7 C.F.R. § 210.11.

17 (2) “School day,” as pertains to public schools, shall be defined by the
18 school district pursuant to subsection 1071(b) of this title, and as pertains to
19 approved independent schools, means the hours fixed by a school for
20 instruction each day.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.