

1 S.26

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons, Clarkson, Collamore, Gulick, Harrison,

3 Hashim, Perchlik, Watson, Westman and White

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Education; health; nutrition; food programs; competitive food;

7 artificial dyes

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

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

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

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

15 § 1264b. ARTIFICIAL DYES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (c) As used in this section:

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

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

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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