

S.26

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

Hashim, Perchlik, Watson, Westman and White

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

artificial dyes

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

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

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

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

§ 1264b. ARTIFICIAL DYES

(a) In operating its school lunch and breakfast program, pursuant to the  
National School Lunch Act, as amended, and the Child Nutrition Act, as  
amended, respectively, or selling competitive food, a school district and an  
approved independent school shall not serve a food or beverage during the  
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.