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LEGISLATIVE BILL 758

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act; to
- 2 amend sections 79-2902 and 79-2904, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 3 2021; to define terms; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska
- 4 farm-to-school program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
- 5 original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-2902, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-2902 For purposes of the Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act
4 ~~sections 79-2901 to 79-2907:~~

5 (1) Early childhood education program has the same meaning as in
6 section 79-1101;

7 (2) (1) Food means an agricultural commodity or product, whether raw
8 or processed, that is produced and marketed for human consumption; and

9 (3) (2) Program means the Nebraska farm-to-school program as
10 established in section 79-2903; and -

11 (4) School means (a) an elementary or secondary public school and
12 (b) an elementary or secondary nonpublic school.

13 Sec. 2. Section 79-2904, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
14 amended to read:

15 79-2904 (1) The program shall provide for the purchase of locally
16 and regionally produced or processed food in order to improve child
17 nutrition and strengthen local and regional farm economies.

18 (2) The program shall link early childhood education programs and
19 ~~elementary and secondary public and nonpublic~~ schools in this state with
20 Nebraska farms in a manner that provides early childhood education
21 programs and schools with fresh and minimally processed food for
22 inclusion in ~~school~~ meals and snacks in early childhood education
23 programs and schools, encourages children to develop healthy eating
24 habits, and improves the incomes of Nebraska farmers who will enjoy
25 direct access to consumer markets.

26 (3) The program may include activities that provide students with
27 hands-on learning opportunities, including, but not limited to, farm
28 visits, cooking demonstrations, and school gardening and composting
29 programs, and that integrate nutrition and agricultural education into
30 the school curricula.

31 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-2902 and 79-2904, Revised Statutes

1 Supplement, 2021, are repealed.