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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 457

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 457 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.204 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.204 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.204. Statewide master contract for prepackaged
8 meals.

9 (a) Throughout the State, students depend on schools to
10 provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free school
11 lunches each day. The General Assembly intends for school
12 districts to provide lunch options that satisfy religious
13 dietary requirements to the extent practicable.

14 (b) In this Section, "religious dietary food option" means
15 meals that meet specific foods and food preparation techniques
16 that satisfy religious dietary requirements.

1 (c) This Section is subject to appropriation, including
2 funding for any administrative costs reasonably incurred by
3 the State Board of Education in the administration of this
4 Section.

5 (d) Upon the execution of one or more statewide master
6 contracts entered into under subsection (g) and annually
7 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall notify school
8 districts of any prepackaged meal options, including, but not
9 limited to, halal and kosher food options, available for
10 purchase under a statewide master contract for the upcoming
11 school year. A school district shall adopt procedures
12 regarding ordering, preparing, and serving prepackaged meal
13 options offered under a statewide master contract.

14 A school district may not be charged more than the federal
15 free rate of reimbursement for any meal offered under a
16 statewide master contract. Any meal offered under a statewide
17 master contract shall be eligible for and cost no more than the
18 federal free rate of reimbursement.

19 (e) All meal options available under a statewide master
20 contract under subsection (g) must meet the federal
21 nutritional standards set under the federal Richard B. Russell
22 National School Lunch Act. Any meal offered under a statewide
23 master contract under subsection (g) may not require a school
24 district to purchase any special or additional kitchen
25 preparation equipment or storage equipment and may not require
26 either any specialized staff, other than those staff members

1 who are currently available in a school, or any special
2 certifications.

3 (f) Any vendor offering halal food products to a school
4 district under a statewide master contract under subsection
5 (g) shall certify that the food or food product is halal and
6 that the vendor is in compliance with the Halal Food Act. Any
7 vendor offering kosher food products to a school district
8 under a statewide master contract under subsection (g) shall
9 certify that the food or food product is kosher and that the
10 vendor is in compliance with the Kosher Food Act. A school
11 district and the State Board of Education may rely upon these
12 certifications.

13 (g) The State Board of Education shall enter into one or
14 more statewide master contracts with a vendor or vendors for
15 prepackaged meals that meet the requirements of this Section
16 for the purpose of providing options to school districts
17 statewide to purchase religious dietary food options under
18 this Section. The State Board of Education may enter into as
19 many contracts as needed in order to provide access for school
20 districts statewide.

21 Each statewide master contract must include packaged meal
22 delivery directly to any requesting school in this State at a
23 uniform delivery cost, regardless of the school's location.

24 The State Board of Education shall notify all school
25 districts of the award of a statewide master contract as
26 required in subsection (c) of Section 10-20.21 of this Code.

1 No later than 60 days after receiving notice, a school
2 district may purchase prepackaged meals from the contracted
3 vendor.

4 Section 10. The University of Illinois Hospital Act is
5 amended by adding Section 8j as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 330/8j new)

7 Sec. 8j. Religious dietary food options.

8 (a) In this Section, "religious dietary food options"
9 means meals that meet specific foods and food preparation
10 techniques that satisfy religious dietary requirements.

11 (b) The University of Illinois Hospital shall offer, upon
12 request provided with reasonable notice, at the University of
13 Illinois Hospital, religious dietary food options that comply
14 with federal and State nutritional guidelines. After an
15 individual submits a request for a religious dietary food
16 option, the University of Illinois Hospital shall make
17 accommodations for the request as soon as the University of
18 Illinois Hospital is able to provide the meals.

19 (c) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
20 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
21 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
22 of the 103rd General Assembly.

23 Section 15. The Halal Food Act is amended by adding

1 Section 25 as follows:

2 (410 ILCS 637/25 new)

3 Sec. 25. State facility halal food products.

4 (a) In this Section, "State-owned or State-operated
5 facility" means either of the following:

6 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
7 of Illinois Hospital Act.

8 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under
9 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
10 operated by the State.

11 (b) Any halal food product offered by a State-owned or
12 State-operated facility shall be purchased from a
13 halal-certified vendor. Any person, organization, or vendor
14 falsely representing a food product it provides as halal or
15 falsely representing itself as a halal-certified vendor is
16 subject to penalties under this Act.

17 (c) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
18 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
19 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
20 of the 103rd General Assembly.

21 Section 20. The Kosher Food Act is amended by adding
22 Sections 0.05 and 1.5 and by changing Section 2 as follows:

23 (410 ILCS 645/0.05 new)

1 Sec. 0.05. Definition. In this Act, "kosher" means
2 supervised, prepared under, and maintained in strict
3 compliance with the laws and customs of the Jewish religion,
4 including, but not limited to, the laws and customs of
5 shechita requiring the slaughter of animals according to
6 appropriate Jewish law, and in compliance with the strictest
7 standards of Jewish law as expressed by reliable, recognized
8 Jewish entities and Jewish rabbis.

9 (410 ILCS 645/1.5 new)

10 Sec. 1.5. State facility kosher food products.

11 (a) In this Section, "State-owned or State-operated
12 facility" means either of the following:

13 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
14 of Illinois Hospital Act.

15 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under
16 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
17 operated by the State.

18 (b) Any kosher food product offered by a State-owned or
19 State-operated facility shall be purchased from a
20 kosher-certified vendor. Any person, organization, or vendor
21 falsely representing a food product it provides as kosher or
22 falsely representing itself as a kosher-certified vendor is
23 subject to penalties under Section 2 of this Act.

24 (c) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
25 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in

1 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
2 of the 103rd General Assembly.

3 (410 ILCS 645/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 288.2)

4 Sec. 2. Any person convicted of violating Section 1 or 1.5
5 of this Act, shall for the first offense, be guilty of a Class
6 C misdemeanor and for the second and each subsequent offense
7 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

8 (Source: P.A. 77-2510.)

9 Section 25. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
10 adding Section 3-7-9 as follows:

11 (730 ILCS 5/3-7-9 new)

12 Sec. 3-7-9. Religious dietary food options.

13 (a) In this Section, "religious dietary food options"
14 means meals that meet specific foods and food preparation
15 techniques that satisfy religious dietary requirements.

16 (b) Any Department of Corrections facility that provides
17 food services or cafeteria services for which food products
18 are provided or offered for sale shall also offer, upon
19 request provided with reasonable notice, religious dietary
20 food options that comply with federal and State nutritional
21 guidelines at the Department of Corrections facility. After an
22 individual submits a request for a religious dietary food
23 option, the Department of Corrections facility shall make

1 accommodations for the request as soon as the Department of
2 Corrections facility is able to provide the meals.

3 (c) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
4 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
5 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
6 of the 103rd General Assembly.

7 (d) Nothing in this Section is intended to expand any
8 Department of Corrections facility's obligations beyond that
9 required under federal law.

10 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
11 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,
13 2024.".