

HCS HB 202 -- MISSOURI CALCIUM INITIATIVE

This bill creates a Missouri Calcium Initiative. The bill requires that a purchasing agent for any state governmental entity or school district that purchases food or beverages which are served in a building or room operated or owned by the entity give preference to higher calcium foods and beverages that are equal to or lower in price than products of the same type and nutritional quality. If a state institution determines that the food and beverages will interfere with the proper treatment and care of a patient, it need not make the purchases for that patient.

The provisions of the initiative are in addition to any requirements placed upon a governmental entity by the United States Department of Agriculture under the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program.

The bill does not require voiding the terms of any contract entered into before July 1, 2003.