

HCS HB 1184 -- FARM TO TABLE (Hummel)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy

This bill changes and expands the Farm-to-School Program to the Farm-to-Table Program to include schools, correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, and military bases. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture to establish program goals, including that participating institutions must purchase at least 5% of their food locally by December 31, 2018.

The bill also changes and expands the Farm-to-School Taskforce to the Farm-To-Table Taskforce to include a representative from the departments of Corrections and Health and Senior Services and a representative from one of the state's military bases. The Director of the Department of Corrections will appoint one person who is employed as a correctional facility food service director and the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services will appoint one person who is employed as a hospital or nursing home food services director.

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2016.