

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 2331, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by deleting the words "the Missouri
2 senior farmers' market nutrition program" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "nutritional
3 programs"; and

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5 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 208.285, Line 32, by inserting after all of said section and
6 line the following:

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8 "262.960. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-
9 to-Table Act".

10 2. There is hereby created within the department of agriculture the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-
11 to-Table Program" to connect Missouri farmers and [schools] institutions in order to provide
12 [schools] institutions with locally grown agricultural products for inclusion in [school] meals and
13 snacks and to strengthen local farming economies. The department shall establish guidelines for
14 participation and parameters for program goals, which shall include, but not be limited to,
15 participating institutions purchasing at least ten percent of their food products locally by December
16 31, 2019. The department shall designate an employee to administer and monitor the [farm-to-
17 school] farm-to-table program and to serve as liaison between Missouri farmers and [schools]
18 institutions.

19 3. The following agencies shall make staff available to the Missouri [farm-to-school] farm-
20 to-table program for the purpose of providing professional consultation and staff support to assist
21 the implementation of this section:

- 22 (1) The department of health and senior services;
- 23 (2) The department of elementary and secondary education; [and]
- 24 (3) The office of administration; and
- 25 (4) The department of corrections.

26 4. The duties of the department employee coordinating the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table
27 program shall include, but not be limited to:

- 28 (1) Establishing and maintaining a website database to allow farmers and [schools]
29 institutions to connect whereby farmers can enter the locally grown agricultural products they
30 produce along with pricing information, the times such products are available, and where they are
31 willing to distribute such products;
- 32 (2) Providing leadership at the state level to encourage [schools] institutions to procure and
33 use locally grown agricultural products;
- 34 (3) Conducting workshops and training sessions and providing technical assistance to
35 [school] institution food service directors, personnel, farmers, and produce distributors and
36 processors regarding the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table program; and

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1 (4) Seeking grants, private donations, or other funding sources to support the [farm-to-
2 school] farm-to-table program.

3 262.962. 1. As used in this section, section 262.960, and subsection 5 of section 348.407,
4 the following terms shall mean:

5 (1) "Institutions", facilities including, but not limited to, schools, correctional facilities,
6 hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and military bases;

7 (2) "Locally grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced or processed by a small
8 agribusiness or small farm;

9 [(2)] (3) "Schools", includes any school in this state that maintains a food service program
10 under the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the school;

11 [(3)] (4) "Small agribusiness", a qualifying agribusiness as defined in section 348.400, and
12 located in Missouri with gross annual sales of less than five million dollars;

13 [(4)] (5) "Small farm", a family-owned farm or family farm corporation as defined in
14 section 350.010, and located in Missouri with less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in gross
15 sales per year.

16 2. There is hereby created a taskforce under the AgriMissouri marketing program
17 established in section 261.230, which shall be known as the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-to-Table
18 Taskforce". The taskforce shall be made up of at least one representative from each of the following
19 [agencies]: the University of Missouri extension service, the department of agriculture, the
20 department of corrections, the department of health and senior services, the department of
21 elementary and secondary education, [and] the office of administration, and a representative from
22 one of the military bases in the state. In addition, the director of the department of agriculture shall
23 appoint [two persons] one person actively engaged in the practice of small agribusiness. In
24 addition, the [director of the department of elementary and secondary] commissioner of education
25 shall appoint [two persons] one person from [schools] a school within the state who [direct] directs
26 a food service program. The director of the department of corrections shall appoint one person
27 employed as a correctional facility food service director. The director of the department of health
28 and senior services shall appoint one person employed as a hospital or nursing home food service
29 director. One representative for the department of agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the
30 taskforce and shall coordinate the taskforce meetings. The taskforce shall hold at least two
31 meetings, but may hold more as it deems necessary to fulfill its requirements under this section.
32 Staff of the department of agriculture may provide administrative assistance to the taskforce if such
33 assistance is required.

34 3. The mission of the taskforce is to provide recommendations for strategies that:

35 (1) Allow [schools] institutions to more easily incorporate locally grown agricultural
36 products into their cafeteria offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

37 (2) Allow [schools] institutions to work with food service providers to ensure greater use of
38 locally grown agricultural products by developing standardized language for food service contracts.

39 4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the taskforce shall review various food service
40 contracts of [schools] institutions within the state to identify standardized language that could be
41 included in such contracts to allow [schools] institutions to more easily procure and use locally
42 grown agricultural products.

43 5. The taskforce shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and
44 shall deliver such report to the governor, the general assembly, and to the director of each [agency]
45 entity represented on the taskforce [by no later than December 31, 2015] no later than December
46 thirty-first of each year.

47 6. In conducting its work, the taskforce may hold public meetings at which it may invite
48 testimony from experts, or it may solicit information from any party it deems may have information

1 relevant to its duties under this section.

2 [7. This section shall expire on December 31, 2015.]

3 348.407. 1. The authority shall develop and implement agricultural products utilization
4 grants as provided in this section.

5 2. The authority may reject any application for grants pursuant to this section.

6 3. The authority shall make grants, and may make loans or guaranteed loans from the grant
7 fund to persons for the creation, development and operation, for up to three years from the time of
8 application approval, of rural agricultural businesses whose projects add value to agricultural
9 products and aid the economy of a rural community.

10 4. The authority may make loan guarantees to qualified agribusinesses for agricultural
11 business development loans for businesses that aid in the economy of a rural community and
12 support production agriculture or add value to agricultural products by providing necessary products
13 and services for production or processing.

14 5. The authority may make grants, loans, or loan guarantees to Missouri businesses to
15 access resources for accessing and processing locally grown agricultural products for use in
16 [schools] institutions, as defined in section 262.962, within the state.

17 6. The authority may, upon the provision of a fee by the requesting person in an amount to
18 be determined by the authority, provide for a feasibility study of the person's rural agricultural
19 business concept.

20 7. Upon a determination by the authority that such concept is feasible and upon the
21 provision of a fee by the requesting person, in an amount to be determined by the authority, the
22 authority may then provide for a marketing study. Such marketing study shall be designed to
23 determine whether such concept may be operated profitably.

24 8. Upon a determination by the authority that the concept may be operated profitably, the
25 authority may provide for legal assistance to set up the business. Such legal assistance shall include,
26 but not be limited to, providing advice and assistance on the form of business entity, the availability
27 of tax credits and other assistance for which the business may qualify as well as helping the person
28 apply for such assistance.

29 9. The authority may provide or facilitate loans or guaranteed loans for the business
30 including, but not limited to, loans from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural
31 Development Program, subject to availability. Such financial assistance may only be provided to
32 feasible projects, and for an amount that is the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur,
33 as determined by the authority. The authority may structure the financial assistance in a way that
34 facilitates the project, but also provides for a compensatory return on investment or loan payment to
35 the authority, based on the risk of the project.

36 10. The authority may provide for consulting services in the building of the physical
37 facilities of the business.

38 11. The authority may provide for consulting services in the operation of the business.

39 12. The authority may provide for such services through employees of the state or by
40 contracting with private entities.

41 13. The authority may consider the following in making the decision:

42 (1) The applicant's commitment to the project through the applicant's risk;

43 (2) Community involvement and support;

44 (3) The phase the project is in on an annual basis;

45 (4) The leaders and consultants chosen to direct the project;

46 (5) The amount needed for the project to achieve the bankable stage; and

47 (6) The project's planning for long-term success through feasibility studies, marketing plans,
48 and business plans.

1 14. The department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, the department of
2 economic development and the University of Missouri may provide such assistance as is necessary
3 for the implementation and operation of this section. The authority may consult with other state and
4 federal agencies as is necessary.

5 15. The authority may charge fees for the provision of any service pursuant to this section.

6 16. The authority may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

7 17. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
8 under the authority delegated in sections 348.005 to 348.180 shall become effective only if it
9 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
10 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and
11 repealed. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed
12 or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable provisions of law. This
13 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
14 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are
15 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
16 adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void."; and

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18 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
19 accordingly.