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RESTRICTIONS ON SALES OF FOOD AND DRINK IN SCHOOL

House Bill 4441

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4441 AS INTRODUCED 3-25-03

House Bill 4441 would amend the Revised School Code to prohibit the sale of certain foods and beverages in public schools.

The bill would require the Department of Education, not later than September 1, 2003, to promulgate rules to provide for healthy eating in schools. The rules would have to include at least all of the following restrictions on sales of foods and drinks, whether as part of the school meal program or by vending machine or other food sales:

- a prohibition on the sale of chewing gum or candy bars; a food or drink that consists of 35 percent or more sugar or other sweetener; juice that is less than 100 percent real fruit or vegetable juice; and a food or drink containing more than 8 grams of fat per serving;
- a prohibition on the sale of soft drinks in elementary or middle schools; and
- an exemption from the application of the rules for a contract for the sale of food or drinks that was in effect on January 1, 2003, and for the sale of food or drinks under that contract, until the original terms of the contract expired.

The bill specifies that the requirements contained in the rules promulgated under this section of the law would be in addition to the requirements regarding school meal programs that must meet federal nutritional standards.

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