

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 51

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AND SWOPE

[Introduced February 10, 2021; referred
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §19-37-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to adding pasteurized milk and other dairy foods produced or processed in West Virginia
 3 to the list of items required to be purchased by all state-funded institutions, such as
 4 schools, colleges, correctional facilities, governmental agencies, and state parks.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 37. WEST VIRGINIA FRESH FOOD ACT.

§19-37-2. State-funded institutions to purchase food from in-state sources; exception.

1 Beginning July 1, ~~2019~~ 2021, all state-funded institutions, such as schools, colleges,
 2 correctional facilities, governmental agencies and state parks, shall purchase a minimum of five
 3 percent of its fresh produce, meat, ~~and~~ poultry products, pasteurized milk, and other dairy foods
 4 produced or processed in West Virginia from in-state producers: *Provided*, That such produce,
 5 meat, ~~and~~ poultry products, pasteurized milk, and other dairy foods can be grown or is available
 6 from in-state producers. The Commissioner of Agriculture may include in the rules promulgated
 7 pursuant to this article additional products which shall be required to be purchased by all state-
 8 funded institutions from West Virginia in-state producers as set forth in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add pasteurized milk and other dairy foods produced or processed in West Virginia to the list of items required to be purchased by all state-funded institutions, such as schools, colleges, correctional facilities, governmental agencies, and state parks.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.