



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB4250

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.85 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.82 new
410 ILCS 637/25 new
410 ILCS 645/1.5 new
410 ILCS 645/2

from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 288.2

Amends the School Code. Requires each school board to provide for a program by which both halal and kosher food options are offered in public school cafeterias by request. Provides further requirements concerning the provision of halal and kosher food in public schools. Amends the Halal Food Act. Defines "State-owned or State-operated facility". Provides that any State-owned or State-operated facility that provides food services or cafeteria services for which food products are provided or offered for sale also shall offer, upon request provided with reasonable notice, halal food options at the State-owned or State-operated facility. Provides that any halal food product offered shall be certified as halal by a State-approved organization or purchased from a State-approved halal-certified vendor. Provides that any person, organization, or vendor falsely representing a food product it provides as halal or falsely representing itself as a halal-certified vendor shall be subject to penalties under the Act. Provides for the adoption of rules. Provides that the amendatory provisions shall not infringe upon or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in effect on or before the amendatory Act's effective date. Amends the Kosher Food Act. Makes substantially similar changes as to kosher food options at State facilities, defines "kosher", and provides that a violation of the provisions concerning State facility kosher food services is a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent offense. Effective June 1, 2024.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.85 and 34-18.82 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.85 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.85. Halal and kosher food services.

8 (a) Each school board shall provide for a program by which
9 both halal and kosher food options that comply with federal
10 and State nutritional guidelines are offered in public school
11 cafeterias by request. Any halal or kosher food product
12 offered under this Section shall be certified as halal or
13 kosher by a State-approved organization or purchased from a
14 State-approved halal-certified or kosher-certified vendor. Any
15 person, organization, or vendor falsely representing a food
16 product it provides as halal or falsely representing itself as
17 a halal-certified vendor shall be subject to penalty under the
18 Halal Food Act. Any person, organization, or vendor falsely
19 representing a food product it provides as kosher or falsely
20 representing itself as a kosher-certified vendor shall be
21 subject to penalty under the Kosher Food Act. As used in this
22 Section, "halal" has the same meaning as provided under
23 Section 5 of the Halal Food Act. As used in this Section,

1 "kosher" means supervised, prepared under, and maintained in
2 strict compliance with the laws and customs of the Jewish
3 religion, including, but not limited to, (i) the laws and
4 customs of shechita requiring the slaughter of animals
5 according to appropriate Jewish law and (ii) as expressed by
6 reliable, recognized Orthodox Jewish entities and Orthodox
7 Jewish rabbis.

8 (b) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
9 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
10 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
11 of the 102nd General Assembly.

12 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.82 new)

13 Sec. 34-18.82. Halal and kosher food services.

14 (a) The board shall provide for a program by which both
15 halal and kosher food options that comply with federal and
16 State nutritional guidelines are offered in school cafeterias
17 by request. Any halal or kosher food product offered under
18 this Section shall be certified as halal or kosher by a
19 State-approved organization or purchased from a State-approved
20 halal-certified or kosher-certified vendor. Any person,
21 organization, or vendor falsely representing a food product it
22 provides as halal or falsely representing itself as a
23 halal-certified vendor shall be subject to penalty under the
24 Halal Food Act. Any person, organization, or vendor falsely
25 representing a food product it provides as kosher or falsely

1 representing itself as a kosher-certified vendor shall be
2 subject to penalty under the Kosher Food Act. As used in this
3 Section, "halal" has the same meaning as provided under
4 Section 5 of the Halal Food Act. As used in this Section,
5 "kosher" means supervised, prepared under, and maintained in
6 strict compliance with the laws and customs of the Jewish
7 religion, including, but not limited to, (i) the laws and
8 customs of shechita requiring the slaughter of animals
9 according to appropriate Jewish law and (ii) as expressed by
10 reliable, recognized Orthodox Jewish entities and Orthodox
11 Jewish rabbis.

12 (b) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
13 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
14 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
15 of the 102nd General Assembly.

16 Section 15. The Halal Food Act is amended by adding
17 Section 25 as follows:

18 (410 ILCS 637/25 new)

19 Sec. 25. State facility halal food services.

20 (a) In this Section, "State-owned or State-operated
21 facility" means either of the following:

22 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
23 of Illinois Hospital Act.

24 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under

1 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
2 operated by the State.

3 (b) Any State-owned or State-operated facility that
4 provides food services or cafeteria services for which food
5 products are provided or offered for sale also shall offer,
6 upon request provided with reasonable notice, halal food
7 options that comply with federal and State nutritional
8 guidelines at the State-owned or State-operated facility.

9 (c) Any halal food product offered under this Section
10 shall be certified as halal by a State-approved organization
11 or purchased from a State-approved halal-certified vendor. Any
12 person, organization, or vendor falsely representing a food
13 product it provides as halal or falsely representing itself as
14 a halal-certified vendor shall be subject to penalties under
15 Section 10 or 15 of this Act.

16 (d) The Department of Central Management Services and all
17 other relevant State agencies shall adopt all rules necessary
18 for the implementation of this Section.

19 (e) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
20 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
21 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
22 of the 102nd General Assembly.

23 Section 20. The Kosher Food Act is amended by adding
24 Section 1.5 and by changing Section 2 as follows:

1 (410 ILCS 645/1.5 new)

2 Sec. 1.5. State facility kosher food services.

3 (a) In this Section:

4 "Kosher" means supervised, prepared under, and maintained
5 in strict compliance with the laws and customs of the Jewish
6 religion, including, but not limited to, (i) the laws and
7 customs of shechita requiring the slaughter of animals
8 according to appropriate Jewish law and (ii) as expressed by
9 reliable, recognized Orthodox Jewish entities and Orthodox
10 Jewish rabbis.

11 "State-owned or State-operated facility" means either of
12 the following:

13 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
14 of Illinois Hospital Act.

15 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under
16 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
17 operated by the State.

18 (b) Any State-owned or State-operated facility that
19 provides food services or cafeteria services for which food
20 products are provided or offered for sale also shall offer,
21 upon request provided with reasonable notice, kosher food
22 options that comply with federal and State nutritional
23 guidelines at the State-owned or State-operated facility.

24 (c) Any kosher food product offered under this Section
25 shall be certified as kosher by a State-approved organization
26 or purchased from a State-approved kosher-certified vendor.

1 Any person, organization, or vendor falsely representing a
2 food product it provides as kosher or falsely representing
3 itself as a kosher-certified vendor shall be subject to
4 penalties under Section 2 of this Act.

5 (d) The Department of Central Management Services and all
6 other relevant State agencies shall adopt all rules necessary
7 for the implementation of this Section.

8 (e) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
9 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
10 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
11 of the 102nd General Assembly.

12 (410 ILCS 645/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 288.2)

13 Sec. 2. Any person convicted of violating Section 1 or 1.5
14 of this Act, shall for the first offense, be guilty of a Class
15 C misdemeanor and for the second and each subsequent offense
16 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

17 (Source: P.A. 77-2510.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,
19 2024.