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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1783

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN-SCHOOL  
9 ACCESS TO VENDING MACHINES OFFERING FOOD AND  
10 BEVERAGES THAT MEET THE NUTRITION STANDARDS OF THE  
11 FEDERAL SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN-  
16 SCHOOL ACCESS TO VENDING MACHINES  
17 OFFERING FOOD AND BEVERAGES THAT MEET THE  
18 NUTRITION STANDARDS OF THE FEDERAL SMART  
19 SNACKS IN SCHOOL PROGRAM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(c), concerning nutrition and  
26 physical activity standards for students, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c) Every school district shall:

28 (1) Prohibit for elementary school students in-school access to  
29 vending machines offering food and beverages;

30 (2)(A) Permit students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) in-  
31 school access to vending machines offering food and beverages that meet the  
32 nutrition standards of the federal Smart Snacks in School program throughout  
33 the school day.

34 (B) A school district shall not restrict the times that  
35 vending machines under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section are powered on  
36 or powered off;



1           ~~(2)~~(3) Require schools to include as part of the annual report  
 2 to parents and the community the amounts and specific sources of funds  
 3 received and expenditures made from competitive food and beverage contracts;

4           ~~(3)~~(4) Beginning with kindergarten and then in even-numbered  
 5 grades, require schools to include as a part of a student health report to  
 6 parents a body mass index percentile by age for each student; and

7           ~~(4)(A)~~(5)(A) Permit any parent to refuse to have his or her  
 8 child's body mass index percentile for age assessed and reported, by  
 9 providing a written refusal to the school.

10                   (B) Students in grades eleven (11) and twelve (12) are  
 11 exempt from any policy or requirement of a public school or the state for  
 12 measuring or reporting body mass index.

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