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Raised Bill No. 88

LCO No. 1157



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENUS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Authorized agent" means an individual certified by the
3 Commissioner of Public Health to inspect food service establishments
4 and enforce the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-36a of the
5 general statutes, as amended by this act;
- 6 (2) "Grouped children's meal" means one or more food items and a
7 beverage sold together at a single price and intended primarily for
8 consumption by a child;
- 9 (3) "Children's menu" means a restaurant menu that contains only
10 grouped children's meals, a section of a restaurant menu that contains
11 only grouped children's meals or an advertisement for a grouped
12 children's meal;
- 13 (4) "Director of health" has the same meaning as provided in section
14 19a-36g of the general statutes;

15 (5) "Nondairy milk alternative" means a fluid milk substitute that
16 meets the standards established pursuant to the National School Lunch
17 Program meal requirements for lunches and requirements for
18 afterschool snacks, 7 CFR 210.10; and

19 (6) "Restaurant" means any entity that is licensed, permitted,
20 registered or inspected as a food service establishment by a local health
21 department or district health department pursuant to regulations
22 adopted under section 19a-36a of the general statutes, as amended by
23 this act, other than a grocery store or a school, institution or entity that
24 participates in a child nutrition program administered by the United
25 States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

26 (b) On and after January 1, 2021, any beverage included on a
27 children's menu shall be water, sparkling water, flavored water that
28 contains no added sugar or sweeteners, water flavored with fruit or
29 vegetable juice that contains no added sugar or sweeteners and not more
30 than one-half gram of sugar per ounce, unflavored milk or a nondairy
31 milk alternative.

32 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a restaurant from selling a
33 beverage that is not included on a children's menu as part of a grouped
34 children's meal upon the request of a customer.

35 (d) Any restaurant that offers grouped children's meals for sale shall,
36 as part of a regularly scheduled food service establishment inspection
37 conducted by an authorized agent, provide a copy of any children's
38 menu used by such restaurant to such authorized agent.

39 Sec. 2. Section 19a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

41 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
42 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that food service
43 establishments employ as food operators persons who have a
44 knowledge of safe food handling techniques and to set requirements for

45 the employment of food operators by such establishments. Such
46 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, responsibilities of food
47 service establishments and their employees, exemptions for certain
48 classes of food establishments and responsibilities of local health
49 departments in monitoring compliance of food establishments.

50 (b) On or before January 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Public Health
51 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
52 to require regularly scheduled food service establishment inspections to
53 include a review of all children's menus, as defined in section 1 of this
54 act, for compliance with the provisions of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	19a-36a

Statement of Purpose:

To require restaurants to include certain beverages on children's menus and in children's meals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]