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AN ACT

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the farm-to-table advisory board, with an expiration date for a certain section.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 262.950, to read as follows:

**262.950. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall
2 mean:**

3 **(1) "Locally-grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced
4 or processed by a small agribusiness or small farm;**

5 **(2) "Small agribusiness", an independent agribusiness located in
6 Missouri with gross annual sales of less than five million dollars;**

7 **(3) "Small farm", an independent family-owned farm in Missouri
8 with at least one family member working in the day-to-day operation
9 of the farm.**

10 **2. There is hereby created an advisory board, which shall be
11 known as the "Farm-to-Table Advisory Board". The board shall be made
12 up of at least one representative from the following agencies: the
13 University of Missouri-extension service, the department of agriculture,
14 the department of elementary and secondary education, the department
15 of health and senior services, the department of economic development,
16 the department of corrections, the department of mental health, and
17 the office of administration. The representative for the department of
18 agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the board and shall
19 coordinate the board meetings. The board shall hold at least two
20 meetings, but may hold more as it deems necessary to fulfill its
21 requirements under this section. Staff of the department of agriculture**

22 may provide administrative assistance to the board if such assistance
23 is required.

24 3. The mission of the board is to provide recommendations for
25 strategies that:

26 (1) Allow schools and state institutions to more easily
27 incorporate locally-grown agricultural products into their cafeteria
28 offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

29 (2) Increase public awareness of local agricultural practices and
30 the role that local agriculture plays in sustaining healthy communities
31 and supporting healthy lifestyles.

32 4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the board shall:

33 (1) Investigate the status and availability of local, state, federal,
34 and any other public or private resources that may be used to:

35 (a) Link schools and state institutions with local and regional
36 farms for the purchase of locally-grown agricultural products;

37 (b) Increase market opportunities for locally-grown agricultural
38 products;

39 (c) Assist schools and other entities with education campaigns
40 that teach children and the general public about the concepts of food
41 production and consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition,
42 food choices, obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible
43 supply of locally-grown food;

44 (2) Identify any type of barrier, which may include legal,
45 logistical, technical, social, or financial, that prevents or hinders:

46 (a) Schools and state institutions from purchasing more locally-
47 grown agricultural products;

48 (b) The expansion of market opportunities for locally-grown
49 agricultural products;

50 (c) Schools and other entities from engaging in education
51 campaigns to teach people about the concepts of food production and
52 consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition, food choices,
53 obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible supply of
54 locally-grown food; and

55 (3) Develop recommendations for:

56 (a) The maximization of existing public and private resources to
57 accomplish the objectives in subsection 3 of this section;

58 (b) The development of new or expanded resources deemed

59 necessary to accomplish the objectives in subsection 3 of this section,
60 which may include resources such as training programs, grant
61 programs, or database development; and

62 (c) The elimination of barriers that hinder the objectives in
63 subsection 3 of this section, which may include changes to school or
64 state institution procurement policies or procedures.

65 5. The board shall prepare a report containing its findings and
66 recommendations and shall deliver such report to the governor, the
67 general assembly, and to the director of each agency represented on the
68 board by no later than January 15, 2012.

69 6. In conducting its work, the board may hold public meetings at
70 which it may invite testimony from experts or it may solicit
71 information from any party it deems may have information relevant to
72 its duties under this section.

73 7. This section shall expire on January 15, 2012.

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