



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

**HB4969**

Introduced 1/27/2022, by Rep. Cyril Nichols

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 595/10

Amends the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act. Requires that at least 20% (currently, 10%) of food and food products purchased by State-funded entities be local farm or food products. Provides that of the 20% of local farm or food products required to be purchased by State agencies and State-funded entities under the Act, at least 10% of the local farm or food products shall be purchased from minority-owned food producers. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 595/10)

7 Sec. 10. Procurement goals for local farm or food  
8 products.

9 (a) In order to create, strengthen, and expand local farm  
10 and food economies throughout Illinois, it shall be the goal  
11 of this State that 20% of all food and food products purchased  
12 by State agencies and State-owned facilities, including,  
13 without limitation, facilities for persons with mental health  
14 and developmental disabilities, correctional facilities, and  
15 public universities, shall, by 2020 onward, be local farm or  
16 food products.

17 (a-5) Of the 20% of local farm or food products required to  
18 be purchased by State agencies under subsection (a), at least  
19 10% of the local farm or food products shall be purchased from  
20 minority-owned food producers.

21 (b) The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council established  
22 under this Act shall require that at least 20% ~~support and~~  
23 ~~encourage that 10%~~ of food and food products purchased by

1 entities funded in part or in whole by State dollars, which  
2 spend funds ~~more than \$25,000 per year~~ on food or food products  
3 for its students, residents, or clients, including, without  
4 limitation, public schools, child care facilities,  
5 after-school programs, and hospitals, shall, by 2023 onward  
6 ~~2020~~, be local farm or food products.

7 (b-5) Of the 20% of local farm or food products required to  
8 be purchased by State-funded entities under subsection (b), at  
9 least 10% of the local farm or food products shall be purchased  
10 from minority-owned food producers.

11 (c) To meet the goals set forth in this Section, when a  
12 State contract for purchase of food or food products is to be  
13 awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, an otherwise  
14 qualified bidder who will fulfill the contract through the use  
15 of local farm or food products may be given preference over  
16 other bidders, provided that the cost included in the bid of  
17 local farm or food products is not more than 10% greater than  
18 the cost included in a bid that is not for local farm or food  
19 products.

20 (d) All State agencies and State-owned facilities that  
21 purchase food and food products shall, with the assistance of  
22 the Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Council, develop a system for  
23 (i) identifying the percentage of local farm or food products  
24 purchased for fiscal year 2011 as the baseline; and (ii)  
25 tracking and reporting local farm or food products purchases  
26 on an annual basis.

1 (Source: P.A. 96-579, eff. 8-18-09.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.