



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3636

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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, 2025.

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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 103rd 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 103rd 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 103rd 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 103rd 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 2025.