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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 167

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 167 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 lunch options

8 (a) As part of a school lunch program, each school board
9 shall provide halal and kosher food options that comply with
10 federal and State nutritional guidelines to those students who
11 submit a request for a halal and kosher food options. A request
12 shall be submitted at the time of school registration. After a
13 student or the student's parent or guardian submits a request
14 for a halal or kosher option, the school board shall make
15 accommodations for the request as soon as the vendor
16 determined by the State Board of Education pursuant to

1 subsection (c), the school district itself, or a vendor
2 selected by the school district is able to provide the meals.

3 (b) Any vendor offering halal or kosher food products to a
4 school district shall certify that the food or food product is
5 halal or kosher and that the vendor is in compliance with the
6 Halal Food Act or the Kosher Food Act. A school district may
7 rely upon such certification.

8 (c) The State Board of Education shall enter into a
9 statewide education master contract as defined in Article 28A
10 of this Code with a halal-certified and kosher-certified
11 vendor for packaged meals that meet both the federal and State
12 nutritional guidelines for school lunch programs and school
13 breakfast programs as defined in the School Breakfast and
14 Lunch Program Act for the purpose of providing a statewide
15 option for school districts to purchase halal and kosher
16 meals. The State Board may enter into as many contracts needed
17 in order to provide access for schools districts statewide.
18 The contract must specify packaged meal delivery directly to
19 any requesting school in the state at a uniform delivery cost,
20 regardless of the school's location The State Board of
21 Education shall notify all school districts of the award of
22 contract as required in subsection (c) of Section 10-20.21 of
23 this Code. Upon notice, each school district may purchase
24 halal and kosher packaged meals from the contracted vendor as
25 needed in order to fulfill subsection (a) of this Section.

26 (d) Halal-certified and kosher-certified meals shall be

1 reimbursable by the State Board of Education. The amount of
2 the State reimbursement provided through the program to each
3 participating school board for each budget year shall be equal
4 to the federal free reimbursement rate multiplied by the total
5 number of eligible meals that the participating schools serve
6 during the applicable budget year, minus the total amount of
7 reimbursement for eligible meals served during the applicable
8 budget year that the school board receives pursuant to the
9 National School Breakfast Program and the National School
10 Lunch Program. The State Board of Education shall develop
11 procedures to allocate and disburse the money appropriated as
12 reimbursements pursuant to this Section among participating
13 school boards each budget year in an equitable manner and in
14 compliance with the requirements of the National School
15 Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program.

16 (e) A school district shall only be responsible for
17 providing a lunch program by which halal or kosher food
18 options are offered under subsection (a) if the State Board is
19 able to secure a statewide education master contract and
20 provide a halal and kosher food option to the school district
21 pursuant to subsection (c) for halal or kosher meals that meet
22 all of the requirements of this Section.

23 (f) A school district is not subject to the Halal Food Act
24 or the Kosher Food Act if it uses a vendor to provide halal or
25 kosher food products pursuant to this Section.

26 (g) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon

1 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
2 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
3 of the 103rd General Assembly.

4 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.82 new)

5 Sec. 34-18.82. Halal and kosher lunch options.

6 (a) As part of a school lunch program, each school board
7 shall provide halal and kosher food options that comply with
8 federal and State nutritional guidelines to those students who
9 submit a request for a halal and kosher food options. A request
10 shall be submitted at the time of school registration. After a
11 student or the student's parent or guardian submits a request
12 for a halal or kosher option, the school board shall make
13 accommodations for the request as soon as the vendor
14 determined by the State Board of Education pursuant to
15 subsection (c), the school district itself, or a vendor
16 selected by the school district is able to provide the meals.

17 (b) Any vendor offering halal or kosher food products to a
18 school district shall certify that the food or food product is
19 halal or kosher and that the vendor is in compliance with the
20 Halal Food Act or the Kosher Food Act. A school district may
21 rely upon such certification.

22 (c) The State Board of Education shall enter into a
23 statewide education master contract as defined in Article 28A
24 of this Code with a halal-certified and kosher-certified
25 vendor for packaged meals that meet both the federal and State

1 nutritional guidelines for school lunch programs and school
2 breakfast programs as defined in the School Breakfast and
3 Lunch Program Act for the purpose of providing a statewide
4 option for school districts to purchase halal and kosher
5 meals. The State Board may enter into as many contracts needed
6 in order to provide access for schools districts statewide.
7 The contract must specify packaged meal delivery directly to
8 any requesting school in the state at a uniform delivery cost,
9 regardless of the school's location The State Board of
10 Education shall notify all school districts of the award of
11 contract as required in subsection (c) of Section 10-20.21 of
12 this Code. Upon notice, each school district may purchase
13 halal and kosher packaged meals from the contracted vendor as
14 needed in order to fulfill subsection (a) of this Section.

15 (d) Halal-certified and kosher-certified meals shall be
16 reimbursable by the State Board of Education. The amount of
17 the State reimbursement provided through the program to each
18 participating school board for each budget year shall be equal
19 to the federal free reimbursement rate multiplied by the total
20 number of eligible meals that the participating schools serve
21 during the applicable budget year, minus the total amount of
22 reimbursement for eligible meals served during the applicable
23 budget year that the school board receives pursuant to the
24 National School Breakfast Program and the National School
25 Lunch Program. The State Board of Education shall develop
26 procedures to allocate and disburse the money appropriated as

1 reimbursements pursuant to this Section among participating
2 school boards each budget year in an equitable manner and in
3 compliance with the requirements of the National School
4 Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program.

5 (e) A school district shall only be responsible for
6 providing a lunch program by which halal or kosher food
7 options are offered under subsection (a) if the State Board is
8 able to secure a statewide education master contract and
9 provide a halal and kosher food option to the school district
10 pursuant to subsection (c) for halal or kosher meals that meet
11 all of the requirements of this Section.

12 (f) A school district is not subject to the Halal Food Act
13 or the Kosher Food Act if it uses a vendor to provide halal or
14 kosher food products pursuant to this Section.

15 (g) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
16 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
17 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
18 of the 103rd General Assembly.

19 Section 15. The Halal Food Act is amended by adding
20 Section 25 as follows:

21 (410 ILCS 637/25 new)

22 Sec. 25. State facility halal food services.

23 (a) In this Section, "State-owned or State-operated
24 facility" means either of the following:

1 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
2 of Illinois Hospital Act.

3 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under
4 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
5 operated by the State.

6 (b) Any State-owned or State-operated facility that
7 provides food services or cafeteria services for which food
8 products are provided or offered for sale also shall offer,
9 upon request provided with reasonable notice, halal food
10 options that comply with federal and State nutritional
11 guidelines at the State-owned or State-operated facility.
12 After an individual submits a request for a halal option, the
13 state-owned or state-operated facility shall make
14 accommodations for the request as soon as the state-owned or
15 state-operated facility is able to provide the meals

16 (c) Any halal food product offered under this Section
17 purchased from a halal-certified vendor. Any person,
18 organization, or vendor falsely representing a food product it
19 provides as halal or falsely representing itself as a
20 halal-certified vendor shall be subject to penalties under
21 Section 2 of this Act.

22 (d) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
23 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
24 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
25 of the 103rd General Assembly.

1 Section 20. The Kosher Food Act is amended by adding
2 Section 1.5 and by changing Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

3 (410 ILCS 645/1) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 288.1)

4 Sec. 1. (a) Every person, who, with intent to defraud,
5 sells, or exposes for sale any meat or meat preparations and
6 falsely represents the same to be kosher, whether such meat or
7 meat preparations be raw or prepared for human consumption, or
8 as having been prepared under and of a product or products
9 sanctioned by the certifying organization or the supervising
10 rabbi; or falsely represents any food product or the contents
11 of any food package or container to be so constituted and
12 prepared, by having or permitting to be inscribed thereon the
13 word "kosher" in any language; or in any sign, display or
14 advertisement characterizes his place of business as a
15 "kosher" establishment if non-kosher food products are sold or
16 offered for sale in such place of business; or who, while
17 dealing or purporting to deal in kosher meat or meat
18 preparations, prepares or handles or sells, or causes to be
19 prepared or handled or sold, any food products which, when so
20 prepared or handled or sold together with kosher meat or meat
21 preparations, constitute a violation of the requirements of
22 the certifying organization or the supervising rabbi, and
23 thereby render such kosher meat or meat preparations, so
24 handled or sold in conjunction therewith, non-kosher, or who
25 otherwise in the preparation, handling, and sale of such

1 kosher meat or meat preparations fails to comply with such
2 religious requirements and dietary laws necessary to
3 constitute such meat or meat preparations kosher, or who,
4 without complying with such religious or dietary laws, issues
5 or maintains any sign or advertisement in any language
6 purporting to represent that he sells or deals in kosher meat
7 or meat preparations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor
8 and subject to the penalty provided for in Section 2 of this
9 Act.

10 (b) It shall be unlawful to label or designate food or food
11 products with the words parve or pareve knowing that such food
12 or food products contain milk, meat or poultry products
13 rendering such food products impermissible to be used or eaten
14 according to the certifying organization or the supervising
15 rabbi.

16 (c) Any food commodity in package form which is marked as
17 being certified by an organization, identified on the package
18 by any symbol or is marked as being Kosher shall not be offered
19 for sale by the producer or distributor of such food commodity
20 until 30 days after such producer or distributor shall have
21 registered the name, current address and telephone numbers of
22 the certifying organization or the supervising rabbi with the
23 Illinois Department of Agriculture.

24 In this Act, "kosher" means supervised, prepared under,
25 and maintained in strict compliance with the laws and customs
26 of the Jewish religion, including, but not limited to, (i) the

1 laws and customs of shechita requiring the slaughter of
2 animals according to appropriate Jewish law and (ii) as
3 expressed by reliable, recognized Orthodox Jewish entities and
4 Orthodox Jewish rabbis.

5 (Source: P.A. 93-134, eff. 1-1-04.)

6 (410 ILCS 645/1.5 new)

7 Sec. 1.5. State facility kosher food services.

8 (a) In this Section, "State-owned or State-operated
9 facility" means either of the following:

10 (1) A hospital that is organized under the University
11 of Illinois Hospital Act.

12 (2) A penal institution, as that term is defined under
13 Section 2-14 of the Criminal Code of 2012, that is owned or
14 operated by the State.

15 (b) Any State-owned or State-operated facility that
16 provides food services or cafeteria services for which food
17 products are provided or offered for sale also shall offer,
18 upon request provided with reasonable notice, kosher food
19 options that comply with federal and State nutritional
20 guidelines at the State-owned or State-operated facility.
21 After an individual submits a request for a kosher option, the
22 state-owned or state-operated facility shall make
23 accommodations for the request as soon as the state-owned or
24 state-operated facility is able to provide the meals

25 (c) Any kosher food product offered under this Section

1 purchased from a kosher-certified vendor. Any person,
2 organization, or vendor falsely representing a food product it
3 provides as kosher or falsely representing itself as a
4 kosher-certified vendor shall be subject to penalties under
5 Section 2 of this Act.

6 (d) The provisions of this Section shall not infringe upon
7 or affect any obligation in a contract entered into and in
8 effect on or before the effective date of this amendatory Act
9 of the 103rd General Assembly.

10 (410 ILCS 645/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 288.2)

11 Sec. 2. Any person convicted of violating Section 1 or 1.5
12 of this Act, shall for the first offense, be guilty of a Class
13 C misdemeanor and for the second and each subsequent offense
14 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

15 (Source: P.A. 77-2510.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 1,
17 2024."