



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 582: North Carolina Farm Act of 2023, Sec. 5: Encourage Public Schools to Make One Hundred Percent Muscadine Grape Juice Available to Students

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 5 of S.L. 2023-63

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OVERVIEW: Section 5 of S.L. 2023-63 sets an aspirational goal that muscadine grape juice be available in public schools, community colleges, and universities throughout the State.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 23, 2023, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 27, 2023.

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BILL ANALYSIS: Section 5 of S.L. 2023-63 sets an aspirational goal that muscadine grape juice be available in public schools, community colleges, and universities throughout the State as follows:

Public Schools: The State Board of Education must strive to ensure that 100% muscadine grape juice is available to students in the residential schools for the visually and hearing impaired as a part of the school's nutrition program or through the operation of vending facilities at the schools.

The following entities must strive to ensure that the juice is made available to all students as a part of the nutrition program or through vending facilities at each school under their governance:

- Local boards of education
- Charter schools
- Regional Schools
- Laboratory Schools operated by The University of North Carolina

NC Community Colleges: The board of trustees of each community college must strive to make muscadine grape juice available as a beverage option in the operation of the community college's vending facilities.

Constituent Institutions of The University of North Carolina: Each constituent institution must strive to make muscadine grape juice available as a beverage option in the operation of the institution's vending facilities.

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