

HB 1111 -- SMART SNACKS NUTRITION STANDARDS

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Social Services by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill requires all food and beverages sold to students at school during the school day to be in accordance with the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1779, as amended by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. School-sponsored fundraisers are exempt from these provisions as specified in the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is an issue of local control. The federal government has promulgated rules that limit fundraisers that include items outside of the approved school food list to only occur during certain times of the year. The federal rule limits such fundraisers to up to 30 times per year, however the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has decided to further limit these fundraisers to occur only five times per year. The bill allows the school to decide how often they permit such fundraisers and requires the frequency of fundraisers to fall within the federal parameters.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dohrman.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.