

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 665, Page 9, Section 261.235, Line 86,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "262.960. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-
5 to-Table Act".

6 2. There is hereby created within the department of agriculture the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-
7 to-Table Program" to connect Missouri farmers and [schools] institutions in order to provide
8 [schools] institutions with locally grown agricultural products for inclusion in [school] meals and
9 snacks and to strengthen local farming economies. The department shall establish guidelines for
10 voluntary participation and parameters for program goals, which shall include, but not be limited to,
11 participating institutions purchasing at least ten percent of their food products locally by December
12 31, 2019. The department shall designate an employee to administer and monitor the [farm-to-
13 school] farm-to-table program and to serve as liaison between Missouri farmers and [schools]
14 institutions. Nothing in this section, nor the guidelines developed by the department, shall require
15 an institution to participate in the farm-to-table program.

16 3. The following agencies shall make staff available to the Missouri [farm-to-school] farm-
17 to-table program for the purpose of providing professional consultation and staff support to assist
18 the implementation of this section:

- 19 (1) The department of health and senior services;
20 (2) The department of elementary and secondary education; [and]
21 (3) The office of administration; and
22 (4) The department of corrections.

23 4. The duties of the department employee coordinating the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table
24 program shall include, but not be limited to:

25 (1) Establishing and maintaining a website database to allow farmers and [schools]
26 institutions to connect whereby farmers can enter the locally grown agricultural products they
27 produce along with pricing information, the times such products are available, and where they are
28 willing to distribute such products;

29 (2) Providing leadership at the state level to encourage [schools] institutions to procure and
30 use locally grown agricultural products;

31 (3) Conducting workshops and training sessions and providing technical assistance to
32 [school] institution food service directors, personnel, farmers, and produce distributors and
33 processors regarding the [farm-to-school] farm-to-table program; and

34 (4) Seeking grants, private donations, or other funding sources to support the [farm-to-
35 school] farm-to-table program.

36 262.962. 1. As used in this section, section 262.960, and subsection 5 of section 348.407,
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the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Institutions", facilities including, but not limited to, schools, correctional facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and military bases;

(2) "Locally grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced or processed by a small agribusiness or small farm;

~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Participating institutions", institutions that voluntarily elect to participate in the farm-to-table program;

(4) "Schools", includes any school in this state that maintains a food service program under the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the school;

~~[(3)]~~ (5) "Small agribusiness", a qualifying agribusiness as defined in section 348.400, and located in Missouri with gross annual sales of less than five million dollars;

~~[(4)]~~ (6) "Small farm", a family-owned farm or family farm corporation as defined in section 350.010, and located in Missouri with less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in gross sales per year.

2. There is hereby created a taskforce under the AgriMissouri marketing program established in section 261.230, which shall be known as the "[Farm-to-School] Farm-to-Table Taskforce". The taskforce shall be made up of at least one representative from each of the following [agencies]: the University of Missouri extension service, the department of agriculture, the department of corrections, the department of health and senior services, the department of elementary and secondary education, [and] the office of administration, and a representative from one of the military bases in the state. In addition, the director of the department of agriculture shall appoint [two persons] one person actively engaged in the practice of small agribusiness. In addition, the [director of the department of elementary and secondary] commissioner of education shall appoint [two persons] one person from [schools] a school within the state who [direct] directs a food service program. The director of the department of corrections shall appoint one person employed as a correctional facility food service director. The director of the department of health and senior services shall appoint one person employed as a hospital or nursing home food service director. The director of the department of agriculture shall appoint one person who is a registered dietician under section 324.200. One representative for the department of agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the taskforce and shall coordinate the taskforce meetings. The taskforce shall hold at least two meetings, but may hold more as it deems necessary to fulfill its requirements under this section. Staff of the department of agriculture may provide administrative assistance to the taskforce if such assistance is required.

3. The mission of the taskforce is to provide recommendations for strategies that:

(1) Allow [schools] institutions to more easily incorporate locally grown agricultural products into their cafeteria offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

(2) Allow [schools] institutions to work with food service providers to ensure greater use of locally grown agricultural products by developing standardized language for food service contracts.

4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the taskforce shall review various food service contracts of [schools] institutions within the state to identify standardized language that could be included in such contracts to allow [schools] institutions to more easily procure and use locally grown agricultural products.

5. The taskforce shall prepare a report containing its findings and recommendations and shall deliver such report to the governor, the general assembly, and to the director of each [agency] entity represented on the taskforce [by no later than December 31, 2015] no later than December thirty-first of each year.

6. In conducting its work, the taskforce may hold public meetings at which it may invite testimony from experts, or it may solicit information from any party it deems may have information

1 relevant to its duties under this section.

2 7. Nothing in this section shall [expire on December 31, 2015] require an institution to
 3 participate in the farm-to-table program, and the department shall not establish guidelines or
 4 promulgate rules that require institutions to participate in such program.

5 348.407. 1. The authority shall develop and implement agricultural products utilization
 6 grants as provided in this section.

7 2. The authority may reject any application for grants pursuant to this section.

8 3. The authority shall make grants, and may make loans or guaranteed loans from the grant
 9 fund to persons for the creation, development and operation, for up to three years from the time of
 10 application approval, of rural agricultural businesses whose projects add value to agricultural
 11 products and aid the economy of a rural community.

12 4. The authority may make loan guarantees to qualified agribusinesses for agricultural
 13 business development loans for businesses that aid in the economy of a rural community and
 14 support production agriculture or add value to agricultural products by providing necessary products
 15 and services for production or processing.

16 5. The authority may make grants, loans, or loan guarantees to Missouri businesses to
 17 access resources for accessing and processing locally grown agricultural products for use in
 18 [schools] institutions, as defined in section 262.962, within the state.

19 6. The authority may, upon the provision of a fee by the requesting person in an amount to
 20 be determined by the authority, provide for a feasibility study of the person's rural agricultural
 21 business concept.

22 7. Upon a determination by the authority that such concept is feasible and upon the
 23 provision of a fee by the requesting person, in an amount to be determined by the authority, the
 24 authority may then provide for a marketing study. Such marketing study shall be designed to
 25 determine whether such concept may be operated profitably.

26 8. Upon a determination by the authority that the concept may be operated profitably, the
 27 authority may provide for legal assistance to set up the business. Such legal assistance shall include,
 28 but not be limited to, providing advice and assistance on the form of business entity, the availability
 29 of tax credits and other assistance for which the business may qualify as well as helping the person
 30 apply for such assistance.

31 9. The authority may provide or facilitate loans or guaranteed loans for the business
 32 including, but not limited to, loans from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural
 33 Development Program, subject to availability. Such financial assistance may only be provided to
 34 feasible projects, and for an amount that is the least amount necessary to cause the project to occur,
 35 as determined by the authority. The authority may structure the financial assistance in a way that
 36 facilitates the project, but also provides for a compensatory return on investment or loan payment to
 37 the authority, based on the risk of the project.

38 10. The authority may provide for consulting services in the building of the physical
 39 facilities of the business.

40 11. The authority may provide for consulting services in the operation of the business.

41 12. The authority may provide for such services through employees of the state or by
 42 contracting with private entities.

43 13. The authority may consider the following in making the decision:

44 (1) The applicant's commitment to the project through the applicant's risk;

45 (2) Community involvement and support;

46 (3) The phase the project is in on an annual basis;

47 (4) The leaders and consultants chosen to direct the project;

48 (5) The amount needed for the project to achieve the bankable stage; and

1 (6) The project's planning for long-term success through feasibility studies, marketing plans,
2 and business plans.

3 14. The department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, the department of
4 economic development and the University of Missouri may provide such assistance as is necessary
5 for the implementation and operation of this section. The authority may consult with other state and
6 federal agencies as is necessary.

7 15. The authority may charge fees for the provision of any service pursuant to this section.

8 16. The authority may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

9 17. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
10 under the authority delegated in sections 348.005 to 348.180 shall become effective only if it
11 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
12 536.028. All rulemaking authority delegated prior to August 28, 1999, is of no force and effect and
13 repealed. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to repeal or affect the validity of any rule filed
14 or adopted prior to August 28, 1999, if it fully complied with all applicable provisions of law. This
15 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
16 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are
17 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
18 adopted after August 28, 1999, shall be invalid and void."; and

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20 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
21 accordingly.
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