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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, March 3, 2011, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the farm-to-table advisory board, with an expiration date for a certain section.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 262.950, to read as follows:

**262.950. 1. There is hereby created an advisory board, which
2 shall be known as the "Farm-to-Table Advisory Board". The board shall
3 be made up of:**

4 **(1) One representative from each of the following agencies:**

5 **(a) University of Missouri-extension service;**

6 **(b) Department of agriculture;**

7 **(c) Department of elementary and secondary education;**

8 **(d) Department of health and senior services;**

9 **(e) Department of economic development;**

10 **(f) Department of corrections;**

11 **(g) Department of mental health; and**

12 **(h) Office of administration; and**

13 **(2) The following individuals who shall be appointed by the
14 chairpersons of the agribusiness committee in the house and the
15 agriculture committee in the senate in conjunction with the director of
16 the department of agriculture:**

17 **(a) At least three persons actively employed as growers, who**

18 shall represent growers;

19 (b) At least three persons actively employed in food distribution,
20 who shall represent food distributors; and

21 (c) At least three persons actively employed by a school or state
22 institution, who shall represent schools and state institutions.

23 The representative for the department of agriculture shall serve as the
24 chairperson for the board and shall coordinate the board
25 meetings. The board shall hold at least two meetings, but may hold
26 more as it deems necessary to fulfill its requirements under this
27 section. Staff of the department of agriculture may provide
28 administrative assistance to the board if such assistance is
29 required. The members of the board shall not receive extra or special
30 compensation for their duties under this section, but may be
31 reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their duties if
32 funding is available.

33 2. The mission of the board is to provide recommendations for
34 strategies that:

35 (1) Allow schools and state institutions to more easily
36 incorporate locally-grown agricultural products into their cafeteria
37 offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

38 (2) Increase public awareness of local agricultural practices and
39 the role that local agriculture plays in sustaining healthy communities
40 and supporting healthy lifestyles.

41 3. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the board shall:

42 (1) Investigate the status and availability of local, state, federal,
43 and any other public or private resources that may be used to:

44 (a) Link schools and state institutions with local and regional
45 farms for the purchase of locally-grown agricultural products;

46 (b) Increase market opportunities for locally-grown agricultural
47 products;

48 (c) Assist schools and other entities with education campaigns
49 that teach children and the general public about the concepts of food
50 production and consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition,
51 food choices, obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible
52 supply of locally-grown food;

53 (2) Identify any type of barrier, which may include legal,
54 logistical, technical, social, or financial, that prevents or hinders:

55 (a) Schools and state institutions from purchasing more locally-
56 grown agricultural products;

57 (b) The expansion of market opportunities for locally-grown
58 agricultural products;

59 (c) Schools and other entities from engaging in education
60 campaigns to teach people about the concepts of food production and
61 consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition, food choices,
62 obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible supply of
63 locally-grown food; and

64 (3) Develop recommendations for:

65 (a) The maximization of existing public and private resources to
66 accomplish the objectives in subsection 2 of this section;

67 (b) The development of new or expanded resources deemed
68 necessary to accomplish the objectives in subsection 2 of this section,
69 which may include resources such as training programs, grant
70 programs, or database development; and

71 (c) The elimination of barriers that hinder the objectives in
72 subsection 2 of this section, which may include changes to school or
73 state institution procurement policies or procedures.

74 4. The board shall prepare a report containing its findings and
75 recommendations and shall deliver such report to the governor, the
76 general assembly, and to the director of each agency represented on the
77 board by no later than August 31, 2012.

78 5. In conducting its work, the board may hold public meetings at
79 which it may invite testimony from experts or it may solicit
80 information from any party it deems may have information relevant to
81 its duties under this section.

82 6. This section shall expire on August 31, 2012.

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