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**SENATE BILL NO. 162**  
**96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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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.

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*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 section, to be  
2 known as section 262.950, to read as follows:

- 262.950. 1. There is hereby created an advisory board, which shall be known as the**  
2 **"Farm-to-Table Advisory Board". The board shall be made up of:**  
3 **(1) One representative from each of the following agencies:**  
4 **(a) University of Missouri-extension service;**  
5 **(b) Department of agriculture;**  
6 **(c) Department of elementary and secondary education;**  
7 **(d) Department of health and senior services;**  
8 **(e) Department of economic development;**  
9 **(f) Department of corrections;**  
10 **(g) Department of mental health; and**  
11 **(h) Office of administration;**  
12 **(2) A representative from the American Heart Association; and**  
13 **(3) The following individuals who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the**  
14 **agribusiness committee in the house and the agriculture committee in the senate in**  
15 **conjunction with the director of the department of agriculture:**  
16 **(a) At least three persons actively employed as growers, who shall represent**  
17 **growers;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

54           **(3) Develop recommendations for:**

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

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

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

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

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

69           **6. This section shall expire on August 31, 2012.**