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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition of trans fatty acids in meals provided to students by school districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0111 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0111. TRANS FATTY ACIDS. (a) In providing meals to students at a campus, a school district may not serve a food that contains trans fatty acids or that was prepared using another food that contains trans fatty acids.

(b) This section does not prohibit a district from serving a food that contains or was prepared using another food that contains only trans fatty acids that occur naturally in the food.

(c) In complying with this section and selecting alternative foods and preparation methods to replace prohibited foods and preparation methods, a school district shall use the best possible alternatives that promote student health and are consistent with nutritional best practices.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.