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H.B. No. 3210

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the establishment of the Thirty Percent Texas  
3 Initiative to encourage the use of food produced in this state for  
4 school lunches.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by  
7 adding Section 12.0024 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 12.0024. THIRTY PERCENT TEXAS INITIATIVE. (a) In this  
9 section:

10 (1) "Initiative" means the Thirty Percent Texas  
11 Initiative under this section.

12 (2) "School food authority" has the meaning assigned  
13 by 7 C.F.R. Section 210.2.

14 (3) "School lunch program" means the program described  
15 by Section 12.0025(4).

16 (b) A school food authority qualifies for the initiative in  
17 a state fiscal year if in the previous state fiscal year at least 30  
18 percent of the school food authority's total food costs for lunches  
19 served as part of the school lunch program were attributable to food  
20 items:

21 (1) grown or harvested on land or from water in this  
22 state by means of agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, or  
23 dairying; or

24 (2) processed inside or outside this state if the

1 processed food items consist of at least 51 percent of items  
2 described by Subdivision (1).

3 (c) The value of United States Department of Agriculture  
4 commodity foods provided at no cost to a school food authority may  
5 not be considered for purposes of Subsection (b).

6 (d) Using money appropriated for this purpose, the  
7 department shall distribute to a school food authority that  
8 qualifies for the initiative in a state fiscal year an amount equal  
9 to 25 cents per lunch served as part of the school lunch program  
10 during the state fiscal year, less the amount of any other state  
11 funds paid in connection with the lunch.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.