

REFERENCE TITLE: public schools; ultraprocessed foods

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## **HB 2164**

Introduced by  
Representatives Biasiucci: Bliss, Fink, Gillette, Hernandez C, Martinez,  
Taylor, Willoughby, Wilmeth; Senators Angius, Shamp

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-242.01; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-242.01, to read:

4 15-242.01. [Ultraprocessed foods; prohibition; definition](#)

5 A. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT SERVE OR SELL ULTRAPROCESSED FOOD ON THE  
6 SCHOOL CAMPUS DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT  
7 PREVENT A STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN FROM PROVIDING ULTRAPROCESSED FOOD  
8 TO THE STUDENT DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.

9 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ADOPT RULES AND GUIDELINES TO  
10 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

11 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ULTRAPROCESSED FOOD" MEANS A  
12 FOOD OR BEVERAGE THAT CONTAINS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS:

- 13 1. POTASSIUM BROMATE.
- 14 2. PROPYLPARABEN.
- 15 3. TITANIUM DIOXIDE.
- 16 4. BROMINATED VEGETABLE OIL.
- 17 5. YELLOW DYE 5.
- 18 6. YELLOW DYE 6.
- 19 7. BLUE DYE 1.
- 20 8. BLUE DYE 2.
- 21 9. GREEN DYE 3.
- 22 10. RED DYE 3.
- 23 11. RED DYE 40.

24 Sec. 2. [Legislative findings](#)

25 The legislature finds that:

- 26 1. Childhood obesity, morbidity and wellness are matters of  
27 statewide concern.
- 28 2. Ultraprocessed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted  
29 food with synthetic additives is undernourishing minors at public schools  
30 and contributing to childhood obesity.
- 31 3. Any taxpayer-funded meal or snack program offered to minors at  
32 public schools in this state should be nutritious and made primarily of  
33 whole, minimally processed plant or animal products.