National Environmental Health Association

Make America Healthy Again

State legislatures introduced 75 bills in 2026; enacting 14 in Alaska, Alabama, California, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Wisconsin

Alaska SB 187, Chap. No. 17-2026 – Ban on Additives in School Meals

Prohibits certain food additives in public school meals; provides for an effective date; bans artificial food dyes (such as Red 3, Red 40, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6) in public school meals.

Alabama SB 57, Act No. 537-2026 – Public Assistance SNAP Benefits

This bill requires the Alabama Department of Human Resources to request a federal waiver to exclude candy and soda from eligible foods under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill defines specific parameters for what constitutes candy and soda for purposes of the restriction. If the waiver is approved, the bill establishes procedures for implementation and provides protections for retailers against penalties for accidental noncompliance.

California AB 1264, Chap. No. 467-2026, Pupil Nutrition: Restricted School Foods

Requires the department, when defining ultra processed foods of concern and restricted school foods, to consider specified factors, including, among others, whether, based on reputable peer-reviewed scientific evidence, a substance or group of substances are linked to health harms or adverse health consequences. Requires a vendor to report specified information to the State Department of Public Health for each food product sold to a school in the past calendar year.

Iowa HB 2676 – Iowa Make America Healthy Again Act

This bill addresses health-related matters including health professions, nutrition, medication, and education. The bill establishes continuing education requirements on nutrition and metabolic health for medical professionals and medical school graduation requirements. The bill also addresses supplemental nutrition assistance programs, school food restrictions, epinephrine delivery systems, over-the-counter availability of ivermectin, student instructional technology standards, physical fitness testing, and psychology licensing compacts.

Indiana Executive Order 56 – Food Dye Transparency

Relates to making Indiana Healthy again by increasing consumer transparency related to food dyes and additives. The Indiana Department of Health ("IDOH") shall conduct a comprehensive assessment on the health impacts of artificial food dyes and additives, prioritizing those which have been identified by the federal government or other states to be harmful (including FD&C Red No. 40, FD&C Yellow No. 5, FD&C Yellow No. 6, FD&C Blue No. 1, FD&C Blue No. 2, and FD&C Green No. 3).

Louisiana SB 219, Act No. 368-2026 – Health and Nutrition

This bill creates the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health. The new office will be responsible for health and nutrition initiatives, healthcare access, preventative healthcare services, chronic disease prevention and management programs, physical fitness, and supplemental nutrition assistance services. The bill transfers certain functions from the office of public health to the new office and establishes an executive director position.

Nebraska LB 940 – School Meal Color Additives Ban

Prohibits certain color additives in school meals. No public elementary or secondary school shall offer or make available to any student any food served as a part of a school meal that contains any of the following color additives: (a) Blue No. 1; (b) Blue No. 2; (c) Green No. 3; (d) Red No. 40; (e) Yellow No. 5; or (f) Yellow No. 6.

New Hampshire SB 577, Chap. No. 270-2026 – Use of Specific Color Additives in Meals

This bill concerns the use of specific color additives in meals offered by public schools as part of school breakfast and lunch meal programs. It prohibits certain color additives and encourages public schools to avoid others in those meals. Prohibits the use of certain red, citrus red, and orange color additives in meals offered or made available by public schools as a part of school breakfast and lunch meal programs; encourages public schools to avoid offering foods containing certain other color additives in school breakfast and lunch meals; encourages public schools to work with vendors to transition away from foods containing certain color additives in school breakfast and lunch meals.

New Hampshire SB 615, Chap. No. 200-2026 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This bill establishes a commission to study the use and regulation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The commission is charged with examining the

practicality of SNAP changes, prioritization of SNAP dollars toward healthy food, economic impacts on various industries, fraud and waste within the program, and the impact of potential federal waivers on retailers.

Oklahoma SB 1833, Chap. No. 173 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to seek federal waivers to prohibit the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for purchasing candy and soft drinks. The bill establishes requirements for waiver requests, implementation timelines, and annual reporting to legislative leadership and the Governor.

Tennessee HB 134 – Student Nutrition

Relates to student nutrition; provides that, beginning on the specified date, each local education agency and public charter school shall prohibit food or beverage items that contain Allura Red AC, which is Chemical Abstracts Service registry number 25956-17-6 and also known as Red 40, to be sold, offered for sale, or provided to students on school property through the school nutrition program provided by the LEA, public charter school, or a third party expressly authorized by the LEA or charter school.

Tennessee HJR 149 – Make Tennessee Healthy Again

Supports efforts to make Tennesseans healthy again.

Tennessee SB 2423 – Local Education Agencies

This bill addresses school nutrition by prohibiting local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools from selling, offering for sale, or providing food or beverage items containing specified petroleum-based synthetic dyes through school nutrition programs. The bill amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2308, to implement these restrictions. The prohibition applies to seven specific synthetic dyes including Red 40, Red 3, Yellow 5, Yellow 6, Blue 1, Blue 2, and Fast Green FCF.

Wisconsin AB 180, Act No. 116-2026 – FoodShare Benefits

This bill addresses food stamp program administration, establishing restrictions on certain purchases, and creating technological infrastructure for program oversight. The bill requires the Department of Health Services to seek federal waivers to prohibit the purchase of candy or soft drinks with food stamp benefits and establishes an electronic platform for identifying food stamp program-eligible products. The bill also modifies

income maintenance program administration requirements and provides various appropriations for program implementation.