

1 AN ACT concerning agriculture.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Farm Fresh Schools Program Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 10 and 15 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 124/10)

7 Sec. 10. Farm Fresh Schools Program. The Department of
8 Agriculture, in cooperation with the State Board of Education
9 and the Department of Public Health, shall create the Farm
10 Fresh Schools Program. The intent of the Program is to reduce
11 obesity and improve nutrition and public health, as well as
12 strengthen local agricultural economies by increasing access
13 to and promoting the consumption of locally grown fruits, ~~and~~
14 vegetables, and minimally processed fresh foods in schools and
15 increasing physical activities and programs that promote pupil
16 wellness.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-153, eff. 1-1-10.)

18 (105 ILCS 124/15)

19 Sec. 15. Grants; matching funds.

20 (a) The Department of Agriculture and the State Board of
21 Education shall jointly administer a process to review grant
22 proposals and award grants on a competitive basis to eligible

1 applicants to implement the Farm Fresh Schools Program.

2 (b) The first 6 grants awarded pursuant to the Farm Fresh
3 Schools Program shall be awarded in 6 different counties,
4 including 3 urban counties and 3 rural counties with a
5 significant agricultural economy.

6 (c) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, funds from
7 the Farm Fresh Schools Program Fund or from other funding
8 sources shall be used to match \$1 for every \$3 a school
9 district spends to purchase produce or minimally processed
10 fresh foods directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative,
11 farmers' market, or local food hub in this State, up to a
12 maximum reimbursement of \$1,000 per school district.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-153, eff. 1-1-10.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
15 2021.