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SYNOPSIS

Allows qualified school to be called “New Jersey Farm Fresh School.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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AN ACT concerning the New Jersey "Farm to School" Program, and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Secretary of Agriculture, upon receiving proof that at least 20 percent of the food served by a school comes from farm products grown and produced in New Jersey, may allow the school to use the words "New Jersey Farm Fresh School" in any promotional materials or description of the school. For purposes of this section, "school" means any public or nonpublic school and any public or nonpublic institution of higher education.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to allow a school to use the words "New Jersey Farm Fresh School" in any promotional materials or description of the school upon receiving proof that at least 20 percent of the food served by the school consists of farm products grown and produced in New Jersey.

This bill provides an incentive for schools to use "Jersey Fresh" produce. Purchases of "Jersey Fresh" produce will stimulate the economy in New Jersey and give students an opportunity to consume fresh and nutritious meals.