March 31, 2003

S 590. MORATORIUM ON SOFT DRINK CONTRACTS/SCHOOLS. TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF SOFT DRINKS TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER CERTAIN FOODS, INCLUDING SOFT DRINKS, SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. As title indicates. Creates ten member comm'n consisting of five members appointed by Pres. Pro Tem. and five by Speaker, and requires that each appoint one member of respective house and a pediatrician, a specialist in child nutrition, and a dentist. Final comm'n report to General Assembly and Jt. Legis. Oversight Comm. due prior to Dec. 1, 2004. Moratorium effective on effective date and expires Jan. 31, 2005. **Intro. by Kinnaird.**

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