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H 1756. UPDATE STATEWIDE NUTRITION STANDARDS. Filed 5/17/10. DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UPDATE STATEWIDE NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

Amends GS 115C-264.3 to add candy, snack food, and beverages sold or offered to students (except those offered as part of a celebration) during the school day, to the items that fall under the statewide nutrition standards. Requires that statewide nutrition standards meet recognized national standards adopted by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation or the Institute of Medicine by December 2010. Provides a timeline over the course of 2011-14 during which the standards must be implemented in schools, beginning with elementary schools. Requires the State Board of Education (Board) to review and update the nutrition standards every three years beginning with the 2013-14 school year. Also requires updates as needed to meet federal changes. Requires the Board to make information about the nutrition standards and a system for reporting inconsistencies in implementation available free to the public on the Board's website. Intro. by Insko, Rapp, Weiss, Yongue.

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