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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph D. McKenna***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act prohibiting harmful food dyes in competitive school foods.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act prohibiting harmful food dyes in competitive school foods.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 1.

2 Section 223 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2024 Official  
3 Edition, is

4 hereby amended by inserting the following subsections

5 “(h) Beginning December 31, 2028, from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end  
6 of the

7 school day, at each public-school competitive foods and non-sweetened carbonated water  
8 may

9 not be sold or provided on school grounds if they contain any of the following  
10 substances:

11 (i) Blue 1 - CAS 3844-45-9,

- 12 (ii) Blue 2 - CAS 860-22-0,
- 13 (iii) Green 3 - CAS 2353-45-9,
- 14 (iv) Red 3 - CAS 16423-68-0,
- 15 (v) Red 40 - CAS 25956-17-6,
- 16 (vi) Yellow 5 - CAS 1934-21-0,
- 17 (vii) Yellow 6 - CAS 2783-94-0,
- 18 (i) A school may permit the sale or provision of competitive foods that do not comply
- 19 with
- 20 subsection (h) of this section if the sale of such items takes place:
- 21 (i) off and away from the premises of the school; or
- 22 (ii) on school premises at least one-half hour after the end of the school day; or
- 23 (iii) at booster sales, concession stands and other school-sponsored or school-related
- 24 fundraisers and events.”