

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the purchase of sweetened drinks and candy under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 33.031 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.031. PURCHASE OF SWEETENED DRINKS AND CANDY PROHIBITED UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "sweetened drink" means a nonalcoholic beverage made with water that contains five grams or more of added sugar or any amount of artificial sweeteners. The term does not include a beverage that contains:

(1) milk or milk products;

(2) soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes; or

(3) more than 50 percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume.

(b) A recipient of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits may not use those benefits to purchase:

(1) a sweetened drink; or

(2) candy ordinarily packaged and sold for consumption without further preparation.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,

1 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 379 passed the Senate on March 31, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 8; May 25, 2025, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 2025, House granted request of the Senate; May 31, 2025, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 9.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 379 passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 90, Nays 37, two present not voting; May 29, 2025, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2025, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 84, Nays 45, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor