

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

As Engrossed: H3/14/97

# A Bill

ACT 1274 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 2253

4  
5 By: Representative Malone  
6  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION  
10 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A  
11 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ON FOOD HANDLING  
12 SAFETY FOR CLASSROOM USE IN TEACHING THE STATE-REQUIRED  
13 HEALTH CURRICULUM."

## Subtitle

14  
15  
16 "TO PROVIDE A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR  
17 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ON FOOD HANDLING  
18 SAFETY FOR CLASSROOM USE IN TEACHING THE  
19 STATE-REQUIRED HEALTH CURRICULUM."  
20

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
22

23 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly finds and  
24 acknowledges that food-borne illness is a growing concern throughout the  
25 United States of America. The General Assembly also finds that school age  
26 children may be particularly affected by food-borne illness due to their  
27 employment in "fast food" restaurants and due to preparation of food at home  
28 by students who have both parents working outside of the home. The General  
29 Assembly further finds that education in food-borne illness must be  
30 strengthened in public schools to insure the health and safety of all  
31 children.

32  
33 SECTION 2. (a) The Director of the General Education Division of the  
34 Department of Education shall provide a clearinghouse for instructional  
35 materials on food handling safety. These materials shall be developmentally  
36 appropriate for students at each of the three grade clusters used in the

1 Arkansas Health Framework: K-4; 5-8; and 9-12.

2 (b) The director shall encourage collaborative efforts between the  
3 Arkansas Department of Education and other agencies and/or organizations in  
4 accessing developmentally appropriate instructional materials on food handling  
5 safety.

6 (c) The director shall insure that any instructional materials on food  
7 handling safety accessible to public schools through this clearinghouse shall  
8 be in alignment with the Arkansas Health Framework in dealing with health  
9 promotion and disease prevention; health information, products and services;  
10 health behaviors and health risks; health-enhancing skills, and/or personal,  
11 family, and community health.

12

13 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

16

17 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
21 act are declared to be severable.

22

23 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
24 hereby repealed.

25

/s/Rep. Malone

26

27

APPROVED: 4-09-97

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35