1	INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2025-048
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3	State of Arkansas
4	95th General Assembly <b>A Bill</b>
5	Regular Session, 2025HOUSE BILL 1962
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7	By: Representative Vaught
8	By: Senators B. Davis, C. Penzo, C. Tucker
9	Filed with: House Committee on Education
10	pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.
11	For An Act To Be Entitled
12	AN ACT CONCERNING ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS IN SCHOOLS;
13	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL FROM SERVING OR SELLING ULTRA-
14	PROCESSED FOOD ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS DURING THE NORMAL
15	SCHOOL DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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18	Subtitle
19	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL FROM SERVING OR
20	SELLING ULTRA-PROCESSED FOOD ON THE
21	SCHOOL CAMPUS DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL
22	DAY.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7, is amended
27	to add an additional section to read as follows:
28	6-18-724. Ultra-processed food — Prohibition — Definition.
29	(a) The General Assembly finds that:
30	(1) Childhood obesity, morbidity, and wellness are matters of statewide concern;
31	(2) Ultra-processed, industrially manufactured, nutrient-depleted food with
32	synthetic additives is undernourishing to students at schools and contributes to childhood obesity;
33	and
34	(3) A meal or snack offered to students at schools in this state should be nutritious
35	and made primarily of nutrient-dense plant or animal products.
36	(b) As used in this section:

1	(1) "School" means:
2	(A) A public school district;
3	(B) An open-enrollment public charter school; or
4	(C) A private school; and
5	(2) "Ultra-processed food" means a food or beverage that contains one (1) or more
6	of the following ingredients:
7	(A) Potassium bromate;
8	<u>(B) Propylparaben;</u>
9	(C) Titanium dioxide;
10	(D) Yellow dye 5;
11	(E) Yellow dye 6;
12	(F) Blue dye 1;
13	(G) Blue dye 2;
14	(H) Green dye 3;
15	(I) Red dye 3; or
16	<u>(J) Red dye 40.</u>
17	<u>(c) A school shall not serve or sell on the school campus during the normal school day</u>
18	ultra-processed food that is produced after January 1, 2028.
19	(d) This section does not prevent a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco
20	parentis to a student from providing ultra-processed food to his or her child during the normal
21	school day.
22	(e) The Department of Education may promulgate rules to implement this
23	section.
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26	Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives
27	Prepared by: TNL/AMS
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