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LD 633 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Review Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training and Other Professional Development for School Staff

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 94 requires the Department of Education to review training of school staff on issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion and to review statewide professional development requirements, requires the department to report on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 18, 2022 and provides authority for the committee to report out related legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 636 An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 426 does the following:

1. It changes the name of the Local Produce Fund within the Department of Education to the Local Foods Fund and provides that the fund's maximum state match for the purchase of produce or minimally processed foods is \$5,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2021-22 and subsequent years or \$5,500 per school administrative unit if the school administrative unit sends a food service employee to local foods training administered by the Department of Education;
2. It provides that the foods the fund may be used to help purchase may include value-added dairy and protein and that food may be purchased from local food processors and food service distributors;
3. It provides that reimbursement or partial reimbursement to school administrative units may be made only up to the amount appropriated to support the provisions of the Local Foods Fund and that funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose; and
4. It transfers funding to support the use of local foods in schools to the newly created Local Foods Fund.

Public Law 2021, chapter 426 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 8, 2021.