

Legislative Analysis



PROHIBIT CERTAIN INGREDIENTS IN FOODS SERVED OR SOLD BY SCHOOLS

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House Bill 4369 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Brad Paquette
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4369 would amend the Food Law to prohibit certain ingredients in foods that are provided, sold, offered for sale, or made available to students by public or nonpublic schools in Michigan. This prohibition would take effect July 1, 2026, and apply to the following:

- Brominated vegetable oil.
- Potassium bromate.
- Propylparaben.
- Titanium dioxide.
- Any of the following dyes:
 - Red 40.
 - Green 3.
 - Blue 1.
 - Blue 2.
 - Yellow 6.

Proposed MCL 289.7134

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could create costs for the state and would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local school districts, public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISDs).

Under section 2101 of the Food Law, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has authority for administration and enforcement of the Food Law. It is not clear at this time if the additional food safety requirements under the bill would increase MDARD's food safety and quality assurance program activities in a material degree. As a result, it is not clear if the bill would increase MDARD program costs or if the added responsibilities could be assumed with current program staffing and funding levels.

Any fiscal impact on districts, PSAs, and ISD would be determined by whether the district, PSA, or ISD was providing students with foods that contained any of the restricted chemicals and whether there are alternatives that are of comparable cost.

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