

CHAPTER 116**(SB 25)**

AN ACT relating to nutrition.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 260 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *The Kentucky Farmers Market Nutrition Program is created within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, for the purpose of enhancing nutrition. The program services may include the provision of fresh, locally grown produce to low-income citizens, including but not limited to seniors and recipients of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children provided by the federal Food and Nutrition Services.*
- (2) *The department may collaborate with the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension, local Area Agencies on Aging, community agencies, foundations, philanthropic organizations, farmers, and local fiscal courts to:*
 - (a) *Identify funding sources;*
 - (b) *Establish services and a program delivery strategy;*
 - (c) *Market the program to citizens and farmers; and*
 - (d) *Develop strategies to introduce fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables into school food programs.*
- (3) *The department may promulgate administrative regulations to establish eligibility criteria and implement the program established in subsection (1) of this section.*
- (4) *The department may accept gifts, grants, federal or state funds, or any other public or private funds to develop or implement the program.*
- (5) *The Kentucky Farmers Market Nutrition Program fund is created in the State Treasury as a trust and agency account. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This fund shall be used solely for the purpose of providing nutritious food to low-income citizens. The fund shall not lapse, and funds not expended during any fiscal year shall carry forward to the next fiscal year.*

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 260 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture shall submit an annual report to the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare and the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, which includes but is not limited to:

- (1) *The amount of funding received for the Kentucky Farmers Market Nutrition Program;*
- (2) *The economic impact of the program;*
- (3) *Strategies implemented to market the program and improve nutrition; and*
- (4) *Statistics related to the number of individuals served and farmers' markets participating in the program.*

Section 3. The delivery of services and marketing authorized under Section 1 of this Act shall be implemented upon receipt of adequate funding.

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