

# SENATE BILL 251

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By: **Senators Muse, Ramirez, Raskin, Robey, Rosapepe, and Stone**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools and Institutions of Higher Education – Artificial Trans Fat –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public school or public institution of higher education  
5 from storing, distributing, holding for service, using in the preparation of any  
6 menu item, or serving food containing artificial trans fat; defining a certain  
7 term; and generally relating to the prohibition of artificial trans fat in food in  
8 public schools and public institutions of higher education.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 7–436 and 15–118  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–436.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT” MEANS THE**  
19 **SPECIFIC TYPE OF FAT FORMED BY ADDING HYDROGEN TO LIQUID VEGETABLE**  
20 **OIL TO MAKE THE OIL MORE SOLID.**

21 **(2) “ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT” INCLUDES PARTIALLY**  
22 **HYDROGENATED VEGETABLE SHORTENING, MARGARINE, AND VEGETABLE OIL.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT STORE, DISTRIBUTE, HOLD FOR**  
2 **SERVICE, USE IN THE PREPARATION OF ANY MENU ITEM, OR SERVE ANY FOOD**  
3 **CONTAINING ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT.**

4 **15-118.**

5           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT" HAS THE MEANING**  
6 **STATED IN § 7-436 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

7           **(B) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT STORE,**  
8 **DISTRIBUTE, HOLD FOR SERVICE, USE IN THE PREPARATION OF ANY MENU**  
9 **ITEM, OR SERVE ANY FOOD CONTAINING ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2014.