

RESOLUTION 78 - 05A

Title: Unhealthy Foods on School Premises

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Referred to: Reference Committee D

House Action: No Action

Whereas, obesity has reached epidemic proportions at the state and national level, with an alarming increase in the incidence of childhood obesity, and

Whereas, education in the public schools promotes healthy living, including improved nutrition and increased physical activity, to help decrease the risk of obesity, and

Whereas, schools egregiously contradict the principles they are trying to promote by offering unhealthy foods and beverages which contribute to the increased incidence of childhood obesity, and

Whereas, any financial benefit to schools is outweighed by additional health care costs due to obesity, and

Whereas, four states (New York, Florida, California and Texas) have enacted legislation that prohibits the sale of unhealthy foods and beverages (including soda pop) on school premises during the school day, and similar legislation has been introduced (and stalled) in Michigan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support legislation that limits the availability of unhealthy foods and beverages to students on school premises.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE