



CALIFORNIA SB 677 - SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

The California Childhood Obesity Prevention Act of 2003 - Senator Deborah Ortiz

1. Sets nutrition standards for *all beverages* sold to students in elementary, middle and junior high schools, effective July 1, 2004. The implementation of these standards is NOT tied to the appropriation of funds. The new law mandates the following:

A. In Elementary Schools

- Bans the sale of unhealthy beverages all day.
- Permits the sale of healthy beverages which include only water, milk, 100 percent fruit juices or fruit based drinks with no less than 50% fruit juice and no added sweeteners. Vending machines may be used to sell only healthy beverages.
- Allows the sale of unhealthy beverages for fundraising under two circumstances:
 - Sale by pupils off school grounds.
 - Sale by pupils on school grounds at least 30 minutes after the end of the school-day.

B. In Middle and Junior High Schools

- Bans the sale of unhealthy beverages from one-half hour before school to one-half hour after the end of the school-day.
- Permits the sale of healthy beverages which include only water, milk, 100 percent fruit juices or fruit based drinks with no less than 50% fruit juice and no added sweeteners, and electrolyte replacement beverages with no more than 42 grams of added sweetener per 20-ounce serving from ½ hour before school to ½ hour after the end of the school-day.
- Vending Machine Policy:
 - Allows the sale of healthy beverages at any time of day.
 - Allows the sale of unhealthy beverages only during the hours that the ban does not apply.
- Allows the sale of unhealthy beverages for fundraising under two circumstances:
 - The sale occurs during and at the location of the event after the end of the school-day.
 - The sale occurs via vending machines, school stores and cafeterias and takes place at least ½ hour after the end of the school-day.

2. Ensures that SB 19 nutrition standards for foods in elementary schools go into effect whenever funds are appropriated to increase the state's reimbursement for school meals.

Previously, the law mandated the implementation of nutrition standards for foods in elementary schools only if money was appropriated in the Budget Act of 2003 to increase the state's reimbursement for free- and reduced-price meals in elementary and middle schools. The money was not appropriated.

SB 677 amends this provision of law and requires that standards go into effect when the money is appropriated, thereby delaying the implementation of SB 19 food standards until funds are appropriated.