

(4) FACILITATING PURCHASES FROM FARMERS BY INTERESTED ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND

(5) PROVIDING OUTREACH AND GUIDANCE TO FARMERS CONCERNING THE VALUE OF AND PROCEDURE FOR SELLING THEIR FARM PRODUCTS TO INTERESTED ~~STATE MARYLAND SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES~~.

(D) (1) THE PROGRAM, IN ~~CONSULTATION~~ PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ~~THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS~~, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTORS, AND INTERESTED FARMING ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL ESTABLISH PROMOTIONAL EVENTS THAT PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARM PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS.

(2) AT LEAST ONE PROMOTIONAL EVENT SHALL:

(I) LAST FOR A PERIOD OF 1 WEEK;

(II) BE KNOWN AS "MARYLAND HOMEGROWN SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK";

(III) PROMOTE STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARM PRODUCTS TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL MEAL AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS; AND

(IV) ARRANGE FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND FARMERS, ~~INCLUDING~~ THROUGH PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY INCLUDE FIELD TRIPS TO FARMS AND IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS BY FARMERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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CHAPTER 373

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