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**TITLE: Relating to the establishment of the Thirty Percent Texas Initiative to encourage the use of food produced in this state for school lunches.**

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SUMMARY: Relating to the establishment of the Thirty Percent Texas Initiative to encourage the use of food produced in this state for school lunches.

**TEXT:**

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H.B. No. 3210

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT relating to the establishment of the Thirty Percent Texas Initiative to encourage the use of food produced in this state for school lunches.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.0024 to read as follows:

**Sec. 12.0024. THIRTY PERCENT TEXAS INITIATIVE. (a) In this section:**

**(1) "Initiative" means the Thirty Percent Texas Initiative under this section.**

**(2) "School food authority" has the meaning assigned by 7 C.F.R. Section 210.2.**

**(3) "School lunch program" means the program described by Section 12.0025(4).**

**(b) A school food authority qualifies for the initiative in a state fiscal year if in the previous state fiscal year at least 30 percent of the school food authority's total food costs for lunches served as part of the school lunch program were attributable to food items:**

**(1) grown or harvested on land or from water in this state by means of agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, or dairying; or**

**(2) processed inside or outside this state if the processed food items consist of at least 51 percent of items described by Subdivision (1).**

**(c) The value of United States Department of Agriculture commodity foods provided at no cost to a school food authority may not be considered for purposes of Subsection (b).**

**(d) Using money appropriated for this purpose, the department shall distribute to a school food authority that qualifies for the initiative in a state fiscal year an amount equal to 25 cents per lunch served as part of the school lunch program during the state fiscal year, less the amount of any other state funds paid in connection with the lunch.**

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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