

By: Representative Reeves

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12  
2 SCHOOLS WITH VENDING MACHINES, ONLY MILK, WATER, 100% NATURAL  
3 JUICES, FRESH OR DRIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND WHOLE-GRAIN  
4 SNACKS MAY BE SOLD IN THOSE MACHINES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** In all kindergarten through Grade 12 schools of  
7 this state that have vending machines, only milk, water, one  
8 hundred percent (100%) natural juices, fresh or dried fruits and  
9 vegetables and whole-grain snacks may be sold in those machines.  
10 However, vending machines located in faculty or teachers' lounges  
11 or located where only adults have access to the machines, and  
12 vending machines operated only during athletic events, are exempt  
13 from the requirements of this section.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
15 and after July 1, 2006. However, if a school district is under an  
16 existing contract with a company to provide vending services on  
17 July 1, 2005, then the provisions of this act shall be applicable  
18 to the schools in that district after the date that the contract  
19 expires.