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**HOUSE BILL NO. 344**  
96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, May 10, 2011, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 275.360, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to farming.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 275.360, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 262.950 and 275.360, to read as follows:

**262.950. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**(1) "Locally grown agricultural products", food or fiber produced or processed by a small agribusiness or small farm;**

**(2) "Small agribusiness", an independent agribusiness located in Missouri with gross annual sales of less than five million dollars;**

**(3) "Small farm", an independent family-owned farm in Missouri with at least one family member working in the day-to-day operation of the farm.**

**2. There is hereby created an advisory board, which shall be known as the "Farm-to-Table Advisory Board". The board shall be made up of at least one representative from the following agencies: the University of Missouri-extension service, the department of agriculture, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of economic development, the department of corrections, and the office of administration. In addition, the director of the department of agriculture shall appoint one person actively engaged in the practice of small agribusiness. The representative for the department of**

19 agriculture shall serve as the chairperson for the board and shall  
20 coordinate the board meetings. The board shall hold at least two  
21 meetings, but may hold more as it deems necessary to fulfill its  
22 requirements under this section. Staff of the department of agriculture  
23 may provide administrative assistance to the board if such assistance  
24 is required.

25       3. The mission of the board is to provide recommendations for  
26 strategies that:

27       (1) Allow schools and state institutions to more easily  
28 incorporate locally grown agricultural products into their cafeteria  
29 offerings, salad bars, and vending machines; and

30       (2) Increase public awareness of local agricultural practices and  
31 the role that local agriculture plays in sustaining healthy communities  
32 and supporting healthy lifestyles.

33       4. In fulfilling its mission under this section, the board shall:

34       (1) Investigate the status and availability of local, state, federal,  
35 and any other public or private resources that may be used to:

36       (a) Link schools and state institutions with local and regional  
37 farms for the purchase of locally grown agricultural products;

38       (b) Increase market opportunities for locally grown agricultural  
39 products;

40       (c) Assist schools and other entities with education campaigns  
41 that teach children and the general public about the concepts of food  
42 production and consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition,  
43 food choices, obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible  
44 supply of locally grown food;

45       (2) Identify any type of barrier, which may include legal,  
46 logistical, technical, social, or financial, that prevents or hinders:

47       (a) Schools and state institutions from purchasing more locally  
48 grown agricultural products;

49       (b) The expansion of market opportunities for locally grown  
50 agricultural products;

51       (c) Schools and other entities from engaging in education  
52 campaigns to teach people about the concepts of food production and  
53 consumption; the interrelationships between nutrition, food choices,  
54 obesity, and health; and the value of having an accessible supply of  
55 locally grown food; and

56           **(3) Develop recommendations for:**

57           **(a) The maximization of existing public and private resources to**  
58 **accomplish the objectives in subsection 3 of this section;**

59           **(b) The development of new or expanded resources deemed**  
60 **necessary to accomplish the objectives in subsection 3 of this section,**  
61 **which may include resources such as training programs, grant**  
62 **programs, or database development; and**

63           **(c) The elimination of barriers that hinder the objectives in**  
64 **subsection 3 of this section, which may include changes to school or**  
65 **state institution procurement policies or procedures.**

66           **5. The board shall prepare a report containing its findings and**  
67 **recommendations and shall deliver such report to the governor, the**  
68 **general assembly, and to the director of each agency represented on the**  
69 **board by no later than August 31, 2012.**

70           **6. In conducting its work, the board may hold public meetings at**  
71 **which it may invite testimony from experts or it may solicit**  
72 **information from any party it deems may have information relevant to**  
73 **its duties under this section.**

74           **7. This section shall expire on August 31, 2012.**

275.360. Any producer or grower may, by the use of forms provided by the  
2 director, have the fee paid and all future fees paid or collected from him pursuant  
3 to sections 275.300 to 275.370 refunded to him, provided such request for refund  
4 is in the office of the director within sixty days following the payment of such  
5 fee. Apples **and rice** will be exempt from this provision.

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