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- Senator Susan C. Fargo (D) ([Hide Debate](#))

The time for action is upon us. The obesity epidemic has put children at risk for a shorter life expectancy than their parents and they may suffer associated health problems. School is where children learn habits for a lifetime. I hope that the bill is adopted.

- Senator Robert L. Hedlund (R) ([Hide Debate](#))

I'd like to thank the sponsors of the bill, and also the group of my constituents who testified and lobbied on behalf of this bill. We're bombarded with messages in the media, tempting children towards unhealthy eating habits. I hope that this bill will contribute to an understanding of nutrition and empowers our children to make the right decisions.

- Senator Richard T. Moore (D) ([Hide Debate](#))

I hope the bill is enacted. It is a bill we've had before us, and this one has combined a lot of the good ideas. We also need to update our physical education standards. This may be the most important bill to pass this legislature this term, one that can be implemented without costing undue stress on school districts. It also promotes Massachusetts- grown products and seafood. There's a lot of good in this bill, and one that I'm pleased that the House sent back to us largely unchanged.

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- PeterKoutoujian, (Democrat); 10th Middlesex; ([Hide Debate](#))

I've seen great success because the children are making choices that are resulting in healthier children. This isn't just about health care and cost, this is about children. The fact is that children who are obese or malnourished don't do well. Thank you for letting this come to the floor. On occasion we get to make a vote that will help to save people's lives.

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