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RE: Legislative History Project
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This report consists of the legislative history on An Act Relative to School Nutrition (the Act). The Act is included as chapter 197 of the Session Law Acts of 2010. It is also section 222 of chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws. This report includes a timeline of the bill's movement through the legislature, the Act's previous bill numbers, and an explanation of the attached information, which includes previous versions of the Act, floor debates, summaries of different bills, a copy of a House journal and daily information reported through the State House News Service.

A timeline of the Act through the legislature:

- January 20, 2010: S.861, H.2063, H.2075, and H.2092 were referred to the Joint Committee on Public Health.¹
- January 25, 2010: H. 4438 was reported from the Joint Committee on Public Health as a combination of the four previous bills and was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- January 28, 2010: the House Committee recommended ought to pass with an amendment, and substituted H.4438 with H.4441 and referred the bill to the House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling
- January 28, 2010: H.4441, a new draft of the bill, was substituted and reported from the House Committee on Ways and Means
- January 28, 2010: H.4438, a new draft of the bill, was recommended
- January 28, 2010: the house adopted a series of recommended amendments (amendments 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13)
- January 28, 2010: the bill was published as H.4459, as amended
- February 1, 2010: bill was read in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- March 9, 2010 the Committee recommended ought to pass with an amendment and inserted in place thereof the text of S.2314
- March 11, 2010: amendments adopted, #1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 4 – bill was reprinted as S.2322
- July 21, 2010: the House concurred with the Senate amendment, with further amendment as H.4919

¹ This information was gathered from the General Court of the Commonwealth at www.malegislature.gov.

- January 22, 2010: the Senate concurred in the further House amendment with 37 yeas and 0 nays (H.4459)
- January 22, 2010: the House enacted the bill with 145 yeas and 0 nays
- January 30, 2010: the Governor signed the bill, chapter 197 of the Acts of 2010.

Attached in this report are the texts of all the previous bills available from instatrac.com.

I searched through the House and Senate Journals on each of the dates listed above and only the House Journal from January 28, 2010 discusses the Act in detail. I also searched on Westlaw for reports/materials on the statute and searched for graphical statutes but no information was available.

I gathered information from the State House News Service by searching through the SHNS archives and the public relations archives and combined all the information on the Act from those sources in a document entitled 'State House News General.' I also searched through the State House News Daily Digest and gathered all the times the Act was mentioned and combined that in a document entitled 'State House News Daily Digest.' Using State House News I was also able to find a summary of the amendments from the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the full text of the bill as of March 9, 2011. I searched through the audio archives, but found no information on the Act.

I went to the State House Library and used instatrac to search for all the previous bill versions and found the text as filed, and in some cases a bill text summary. I also included the main page for every bill which lists the title and a summary of the bill, the sponsor and co-sponsors, the subject the bill falls under, related bills, the bill's status as reported from the committee, the bill's progress through the legislature, whether there was oral testimony or floor debates, the history of the specific bill, press releases, news articles, votes, and citations.

Lastly, I included floor debates available from instatrac on January 28, March 11, and July 22. I attempted contacting the Joint Committee on Public Health for available information

on the Act several times; however, I was not able to get in contact with anyone at the committee who could be of assistance.