2009 Assembly Bill 746 would require the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to promote “farm to school” programs, one of the purposes of which would be to connect schools with nearby farms to provide children with locally produced fresh fruits and vegetables and other nutritious, locally produced foods in school breakfasts, lunches, and snacks. This bill also would create a grant program for farm to school programs.

Assembly Amendment 1 to 2009 Assembly Bill 746 would specify that DATCP grants to school districts be made in coordination with the Department of Public Instruction.

Assembly Amendment 2 to 2009 Assembly Bill 746 would specify that dairy products are included in the types of foods procured by schools in farm to school programs.

Assembly Amendment 3 to 2009 Assembly Bill 746 changes placement of the appropriation under this bill to place it with other administrative appropriations within this division at DATCP.

Legislative History

On February 25, 2010, Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were introduced by the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, which also recommended adoption of these two amendments and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

On April 7, 2010, Assembly Amendment 3 was introduced by the Joint Committee on Finance, which also recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1, 2, and 3 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.