

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 985

By: Thompson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma Local Food for Schools program; specifying purpose for program; providing for promulgation of rules; creating the Oklahoma Local Food for Schools Revolving Fund; establishing fund procedure; providing source of funds; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to use certain funds; stating purpose of fund; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-60.7 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall operate an "Oklahoma Local Food for Schools" program for the purpose of facilitating the purchase of local foods by school districts.

B. The Department shall encourage school districts to partner with local producers and meat processors by providing reimbursement to the school district for local food costs.

1 C. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary
2 for the implementation of this act.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-60.8 of Title 2, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
7 for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be
8 designated the "Oklahoma Local Food for Schools Revolving Fund".
9 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
10 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
11 Department from legislative appropriations for the purpose of
12 facilitating the purchase of local food by school districts pursuant
13 to the Oklahoma Local Food for Schools program created in Section 1
14 of this act. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are
15 hereby appropriated and may be expended by the Department for the
16 purpose provided for in this section. Expenditures from the fund
17 shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against
18 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
19 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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