

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2918

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the
8 Expanding Access to Local Foods Act of 2025; defining
9 term; creating certain program; authorizing the
10 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to
11 utilize certain funds; stating purpose of program;
12 providing program requirements; authorizing the
13 promulgation of rules and procedures; creating the
14 Expanding Access to Local Foods Program Revolving
15 Fund; providing for content of fund; providing for
16 deposits and expenditures; providing for
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5001 of Title 2, unless there is
21 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Expanding
23 Access to Local Foods Act of 2025".

24 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
25 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5002 of Title 2, unless there is
26 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. As used in this act, "Market value" means the price that a
2 property would sell for in a competitive market under fair
3 conditions.

4 B. There is hereby created a program to purchase locally grown
5 fruits and vegetables from small and underserved producers in
6 Oklahoma to be administered by the Oklahoma Department of
7 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. To accomplish the goals of this
8 act, the Department is authorized to use the funds available in the
9 Expanding Access to Local Foods Program Revolving Fund established
10 in Section 3 of this act. The purpose of the program is to maintain
11 and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency and expand
12 economic opportunities for small and underserved producers while
13 promoting food security.

14 C. The Department shall purchase at market value locally grown
15 fruits and vegetables from small and underserved producers in
16 Oklahoma and shall donate those fruits and vegetables to non-profits
17 in Oklahoma that distribute food within the state free of charge.

18 D. The Department shall promulgate rules and procedures to
19 effectuate the provisions of this act

20 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5007 of Title 2, unless there is
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
24 for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be

1 designated the "Expanding Access to Local Foods Program Revolving
2 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
3 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
4 Department from appropriations, federal grants or funds, municipal
5 contributions, private contributions, and any other sources,
6 including interest earned from the income in the fund, that are
7 designated for deposit to such fund or designated for duties
8 associated with this act. All monies accruing to the credit of said
9 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
10 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to perform
11 the duties imposed on the Department by law. Expenditures from said
12 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
13 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
14 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
15 payment.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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