

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2931

By: Branham

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; prohibiting refusal of school lunch to a student; prohibiting shaming of student and public communication with student regarding lunch account balance; prohibiting certain work in exchange for providing school lunch; prohibiting punishments for having an owed balance on a lunch account; requiring access to digital and physical application for the National School Lunch Program; 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 5-147.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each district board of education shall ensure that no student be refused a lunch during a school day.

B. Each district board of education shall ensure that no child shall be shamed or publicly communicated with by any school official regarding an owed balance on a lunch account. All communication shall be directed at the legal guardian of the student.

1 C. Each district board of education shall ensure that no child  
2 shall be asked to do any physical work in exchange for food served  
3 by the school.

4 D. Each district board of education shall ensure that no child  
5 shall be punished or receive any type of reprimand for inability to  
6 pay an owed balance on a lunch account, including, but not limited  
7 to:

8 1. Refusing to issue or loan the student books from the school  
9 library; and

10 2. Barring a student from school-sponsored activities.

11 E. Each district board of education shall ensure that every  
12 student or legal guardian of the student shall have access to both a  
13 digital and physical application for the National School Lunch  
14 Program provided under 42 U.S.C.A., Section 1751 et seq.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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