

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1363

By: Garvin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school nutrition; creating the Thrive Act; providing short title; defining terms; directing school districts with certain identified student percentage that opt into certain provision beginning in certain school year to be eligible for certain reimbursement percentage; directing the State Department of Education, in certain collaboration, to evaluate certain impact by certain date and with certain frequency; providing for submission of evaluation; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 3-119.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Thrive Act".

B. As used in this section:

1. "Community eligibility provision" means the federal provision created pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1759a that allows school districts to choose to receive federal special assistance

1 payments for school meals in exchange for providing free school
2 meals to all students enrolled in all or selected school sites
3 within the school district; and

4 2. "Identified student percentage" means the percentage of a
5 school district's enrollment that is certified eligible for free
6 meals based on a documentation of benefit of receipt or categorical
7 eligibility as provided for in 7 C.F.R. Section 245.6.

8 C. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, school districts
9 with an identified student percentage of forty percent (40%) or
10 higher that opt in to the community eligibility provision of the
11 National School Lunch Program shall be eligible for:

12 1. One hundred percent (100%) reimbursement per meal served in
13 a school district with an enrollment of two thousand (2,000) or
14 fewer students;

15 2. Ninety percent (90%) reimbursement per meal served in a
16 school district with an enrollment of more than two thousand (2,000)
17 students but fewer than ten thousand (10,000) students; and

18 3. Eighty percent (80%) reimbursement per meal served in a
19 school district with an enrollment of ten thousand (10,000) or more
20 students.

21 D. By July 1, 2025, and by July 1 every three years thereafter,
22 the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the
23 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and an
24 institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of

1 Higher Education, shall evaluate the impact of the provisions of
2 this section. The evaluation shall be electronically submitted to
3 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 E. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to
6 implement the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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