

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1473

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Farm to School
8 Program Act; amending 2 O.S. 2021, Section 5-60.4,
9 which relates to duties of the director; updating
10 statutory reference; establishing a farm to school
grant program; directing use of grant program funds;
authorizing creation of grant program application;
and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2021, Section 5-60.4, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-60.4. A. The duties of the director of the Oklahoma
17 Farm to School Program within the Oklahoma Department of
18 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall include, but not be limited
19 to:

20 1. Identifying and promoting the critical components of
21 individual Farm to School Programs and advising the agencies on
22 needed actions and strategies to implement the Oklahoma Farm to
23 School Program;

1 2. Establishing a partnership with public and nonprofit sources
2 to implement a public engagement campaign and establish a structure
3 to facilitate communication between farmers and school districts;

4 3. Providing leadership at the state level to encourage school
5 districts to develop and improve school nutrition plans using
6 locally grown farm-fresh products;

7 4. Conducting workshops, training sessions, and technical
8 assistance to school food services directors, personnel, farmers,
9 and produce distributors and processors regarding the demand for and
10 the availability of Oklahoma farm products; ~~and~~

11 5. Seeking grants from private donations and other funding
12 sources; and

13 6. Establishing a farm to school grant program as provided for
14 in subsection B of this section.

15 B. 1. The farm to school grant program established pursuant to
16 paragraph 6 of subsection A of this section shall provide grants to:

17 a. farmers and other producers in this state to increase
18 their capacity to produce locally grown farm-fresh
19 products for school districts and to establish or
20 expand production and distribution infrastructure to
21 support the use of locally grown farm-fresh products
22 in school districts, and

23 b. school districts to purchase locally grown farm-fresh
24 products for use in school meals.

1 2. The Department shall establish an application form and
2 process for the administration of grants pursuant to this
3 subsection.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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