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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 806 creates the "Food is Medicine Act," which directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to seek any necessary federal approval to provide coverage for nutrition supports under the state Medicare program. Food is Medicine programs will be designed to improve health outcomes for Medicaid members with nutrition-related chronic diseases. Nutrition services covered under the state Medicaid program may include the services listed in the measure. Whenever feasible, the priority will be on including community-based organizations and local growers. The State Department of Education is required to provide technical to schools who apply for grants under the Oklahoma Farm to School Program Act.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 806 establishes the Food is Medicine Act to improve health outcomes for Medicaid members with nutrition-related chronic diseases through nutrition services and reduce the need for medical care. The measure directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to seek any necessary federal approval to provide coverage for nutrition services under the state Medicaid program.

Additionally, the measure directs the Department of Education (SDE) to provide technical assistance to schools that apply for grants under the Oklahoma Farm to School Program Act, helping them apply for grants and administer programs that expand student access to fresh, healthy foods. SDE does not anticipate the measure to have a significant impact on the agency, if any.

According to OHCA, the program's impact will depend on program creation and implementation. However, for reference, Fresh RX conducted a cost-benefit analysis on their project, which proposes launching a 1,000-person produce prescription pilot for diabetic patients. Fresh Rx's analysis suggests that achieving 5% penetration among Type 2 Diabetics enrolled in SoonerSelect could save the state \$28,500,000 over the first three years. The estimated cost to launch the pilot is \$3,000,000, with funding currently being sought from TSET.

As the fiscal implications are contingent upon the adoption and creation of the program by OHCA, the provisions of the measure are not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the FY-26 state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

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