Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1373 creates the Healthy Meals for Healthy Kids Act. It requires public school districts and charter schools in this state, and it allows schools operated under the authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe or the Bureau of Indian Affairs and private schools, to establish a program to offer high-quality meals at no charge to all students attending the schools. It directs the State Department of Education to award funding to school food authorities that participate in the federal community eligibility provision, and it directs schools to use the funds to improve meal quality. The measure directs the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, and a state institution of higher education to evaluate the impact of the act and submit a report by July 1, 2027, and every 3 years thereafter. The measure also directs the State Department of Education to establish a grant program to encourage school food authorities to purchase Oklahoma-grown, -raised, and -processed foods.

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