

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3638

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SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to food stamps; providing Oklahoma shall participate in certain program; directing the Department of Human Services to administer the program and to submit documentation; directing the Department to coordinate with the State Department of Education; directing the Department of Human Services and the State Department of Education to share data as necessary; providing benefits issued under program be subject to restrictions applicable to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; providing implementation of program be subject to availability of funds; providing that continued participation in program not required if federal share of costs are reduced; directing the Department of Human Services to implement certain measures; creating the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program Revolving Fund; establishing fund characteristics; deeming funds appropriated; 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 241.5 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2027 program year, the State of Oklahoma shall participate in the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer

1 for Children ("Summer EBT") program as authorized pursuant to the
2 federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, to provide
3 supplemental nutrition assistance to eligible children during
4 periods when school is not in session.

5 B. The Department of Human Services shall administer the Summer
6 EBT program and shall submit all applications, plans, and other
7 documentation required by the United States Department of
8 Agriculture or any other federal agency necessary to implement and
9 administer the program in accordance with federal law.

10 C. The Department of Human Services shall coordinate with the
11 State Department of Education for the purpose of determining program
12 eligibility and facilitating efficient program administration.

13 D. The Department of Human Services and the State Department of
14 Education are authorized to share data as necessary to implement and
15 administer the Summer EBT program, subject to applicable state and
16 federal privacy and confidentiality laws.

17 E. To the maximum extent permitted by federal law, benefits
18 issued under the Summer EBT program shall be subject to the same
19 eligible food restrictions applicable to the Supplemental Nutrition
20 Assistance Program in Oklahoma. The Department of Human Services
21 shall seek any necessary federal approvals to align program
22 restrictions with state policy.

23 F. Implementation of the Summer EBT program shall be subject to
24 the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature for the

1 purpose of administering the program. Should the federal share of
2 costs for administering the program be reduced from the level
3 approved for the 2027 program year, the State of Oklahoma shall not
4 be required to continue participation unless otherwise authorized by
5 the Legislature.

6 G. The Department of Human Services shall implement program
7 integrity measures consistent with federal requirements, including
8 eligibility verification, data matching, and the prevention,
9 detection, and recovery of improper payments.

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 241.6 of Title 56, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
14 for the Department of Human Services to be designated the "Summer
15 Electronic Benefit Transfer Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall
16 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and
17 shall consist of all monies received by the Department from funding
18 sources, including, but not limited to, federal funds, state
19 appropriations, tribal government contributions, municipal or
20 political subdivision funds, nonprofit or charitable grants, private
21 or personal contributions, and other public or private sources
22 authorized by law. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund
23 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
24 Department for the purpose of funding administrative costs

1 associated with the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer program.
2 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by
3 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with
4 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
5 approval and payment.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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