

SENATE BILL No. 387

By Committee on Government Efficiency

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring school districts to verify the household gross earned income of each student who qualifies for free meals under the national school lunch program; requiring legislative authorization to receive special assistance payments under federal law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each school year, school districts shall verify that each student enrolled in and attending school in such district who qualified for free meals under the national school lunch program by submitting a national school lunch program application is eligible for such program based on written evidence of the applicant's household gross earned income. This section does not apply to students who qualified for free meals under the national school lunch program by direct certification.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), on and after July 1, 2026, no school, school district or local education agency shall seek or implement any authorization from the federal government to receive special assistance payments as provided in the community eligibility provision of 42 U.S.C. § 1759a(a)(1)(F) unless the legislature expressly consents to and approves of such authorization by an act of the legislature.

(c) When the legislature is not in session, a school, school district or local education agency may notify the legislative coordinating council that such school, district or agency is seeking the legislative coordinating council's approval for authorization to receive special assistance payments as provided in the community eligibility provision of 42 U.S.C. § 1759a(a)(1)(F). The legislative coordinating council shall meet within 14 calendar days of receiving such notification. Pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1202, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may approve or deny such request or refer such request to a legislative committee for review and recommendation.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.