

SENATE BILL No. 387

By Committee on Government Efficiency

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

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

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

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), on and after July 1, 2026, no
17 school, school district or local education agency shall seek or implement
18 any authorization from the federal government to receive special
19 assistance payments as provided in the community eligibility provision of
20 42 U.S.C. § 1759a(a)(1)(F) unless the legislature expressly consents to and
21 approves of such authorization by an act of the legislature.

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

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