

HOUSE BILL No. 2771

By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

Requested by Representative Carr

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1 AN ACT concerning commerce; relating to the secretary of commerce;
2 creating the healthy food site grant program and fund; directing the
3 secretary to award grants for the establishment of food retail or food
4 system enterprises within one mile of a school in a designated food
5 desert in an urban area; requiring grantees to improve community
6 access to healthy food therein.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. (a) Subject to appropriations, there is hereby established
10 the healthy food site grant program. The secretary of commerce shall
11 administer the program.

12 (b) On or before March 1, 2025, the secretary of commerce shall
13 adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the healthy food
14 site grant program. Such rules and regulations shall establish:

15 (1) Grant applications, forms and deadlines;

16 (2) the terms, conditions and requirements for the healthy food site
17 grant consistent with the provisions of this section; and

18 (3) procedures for awarding and disbursement of grants.

19 (c) The secretary of commerce shall:

20 (1) Select program grantees from among persons, businesses or
21 nonprofit organizations located in Kansas that:

22 (A) Seek to improve community access to healthy food through food
23 retail and food system enterprises;

24 (B) propose the construction, renovation, expansion or other
25 infrastructure for the provision of healthy foods within one mile of a
26 primary or secondary public school located within a food desert in an
27 urban area;

28 (C) will accept food and cash assistance as administered by the
29 secretary for children and families or other available benefits eligible for
30 the purchasing of healthy foods;

31 (D) provide a business plan for the execution of such proposal
32 described in subparagraph (B);

33 (2) work with community partners, such as community foundations,
34 school districts, Kansas business and industry and Kansas economic
35 development organizations to publicize healthy food site grants, including,

- 1 but not limited to, publicizing selected grantees and application guidelines
- 2 and deadlines;
- 3 (3) award and disburse grants to selected grantees; and
- 4 (4) request information from grantees necessary for the
- 5 administration of this section.
- 6 (d) Grantees of the healthy food site grant program shall:
- 7 (1) Construct, renovate, expand or develop other infrastructure for the
- 8 provision of healthy foods within one mile of a primary or secondary
- 9 public school or child care facility located within a food desert in an urban
- 10 area.
- 11 (2) accept food and cash assistance as administered by the secretary
- 12 for children and families or other available benefits eligible for the
- 13 purchasing of healthy foods; and
- 14 (3) report updates to the secretary of commerce concerning the
- 15 attainment of goals to improve community access to healthy food.
- 16 (e) There is hereby created in the state treasury the healthy food site
- 17 grant program fund, which shall be administered by the Kansas department
- 18 of commerce. All expenditures from the healthy food site grant program
- 19 fund shall be for healthy food site grants awarded pursuant to the healthy
- 20 food site grant program. All expenditures from the healthy food site grant
- 21 program fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon
- 22 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to
- 23 vouchers approved by the secretary of commerce or the secretary's
- 24 designee. All moneys received by the secretary for the healthy food site
- 25 grant program shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with
- 26 the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt
- 27 of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount
- 28 in the state treasury to the credit of the healthy food site grant program
- 29 fund.
- 30 (f) As used in this section:
- 31 (1) "Food desert" means the same as designated by the United States
- 32 department of agriculture.
- 33 (2) "Urban area" means the same as defined as such term is used in
- 34 the latest United States census.
- 35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 36 publication in the statute book.