

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1324

By: Thompson (Roger)

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5 An Act relating to school nutrition; directing the  
6 State Department of Education to make certain  
7 electronic universal application available to school  
8 districts; providing minimum criteria for  
9 application; providing certain construction;  
10 providing for codification; providing an effective  
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-119.1 of Title 70, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The State Department of Education shall make available to  
17 school districts an optional electronic universal application for  
18 free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act.  
19 The application shall at a minimum:

20 1. Enable parents and legal guardians to complete and  
21 electronically submit applications for free and reduced-price meals  
22 to the school districts in which their students are enrolled;

23 2. Facilitate school districts in collecting and electronically  
24 submitting free and reduced-price meal applications to the State  
Department of Education; and

1           3. Allow for secure transmission of data necessary for  
2 eligibility and enrollment determinations for the Supplemental  
3 Nutrition Assistance Program.

4           B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
5 require school districts, parents, or legal guardians to use the  
6 electronic universal application provided for in subsection A of  
7 this section.

8           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

9           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
14 February 20, 2024 - DO PASS

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