

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 506

By: Bice and Matthews of the  
Senate

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7 An Act relating to healthy food consumption; creating  
8 the Healthy Food Financing Act; defining terms;  
9 creating the Healthy Food Financing Revolving Fund;  
10 stating uses of the fund; providing for deposits to  
11 the fund; limiting certain expenditures; directing  
12 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
13 Forestry to administer program; allowing the  
14 Department to contract with other entities; directing  
15 the State Board of Agriculture to promulgate rules;  
16 stating projects eligible for financing; stating  
17 purposes eligible for financing; providing certain  
18 considerations the Department shall use to determine  
19 eligibility; stating entities that are eligible for  
20 financing; providing requirements for eligible  
21 applicants; directing the Board to create monitoring  
22 and compliance mechanisms; requiring annual report;  
23 providing for codification; and providing an  
24 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-201 of Title 2, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthy Food  
23 Financing Act."  
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-203 of Title 2, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 As used in the Healthy Food Financing Act:

5 1. "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture;

6 2. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,  
7 Food, and Forestry;

8 3. "Financing" means loans, grants and forgivable loans;

9 4. "Grocery store" means a for-profit or not-for-profit self-  
10 service retail establishment that primarily sells meat, seafood,  
11 fruits, vegetables, dairy products, dry groceries, household  
12 products and sundries;

13 5. "Low-income community" means a census tract, as reported in  
14 the most recent decennial census published by the United States  
15 Bureau of the Census, that has a poverty rate of at least twenty  
16 percent (20%) or in which the median family income does not exceed  
17 eighty percent (80%) of the greater of the statewide or metropolitan  
18 median family income;

19 6. "Moderate income community" means a census tract, as  
20 reported in the most recent decennial census published by the United  
21 States Bureau of the Census, in which the median family income is  
22 between eighty-one percent (81%) and ninety-five percent (95%) of  
23 the statewide or metropolitan median family income;

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1       7. "Small food retailer" means a small retail outlet less than  
2 two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet, which sells a limited  
3 selection of foods and other products; and

4       8. "Underserved community" means a census tract, as reported in  
5 the most recent decennial census published by the United States  
6 Bureau of the Census, determined to be an area with low supermarket  
7 access by either the United States Department of Agriculture, as  
8 identified in the Food Access Research Atlas, or through a  
9 methodology that has been adopted for use by another governmental  
10 healthy food initiative.

11       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-204 of Title 2, unless there  
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14       There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
15 to be designated the "Healthy Food Financing Revolving Fund". The  
16 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
17 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the State  
18 Board of Agriculture for the Healthy Food Financing Act from any  
19 state-appropriated funds, federal funds, donations, grants,  
20 contributions and gifts from any public or private source. All  
21 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated  
22 and may be budgeted and expended by the State Board of Agriculture  
23 for the purposes set forth in the Healthy Food Financing Act. No  
24 more than ten percent (10%) of the fund expenditures shall be

1 reserved for administrative and operational costs to manage the  
2 program, unless those costs are provided from other budgets or in-  
3 kind resources.

4 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-205 of Title 2, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. The Department shall administer the provisions of the  
8 Healthy Food Financing Act.

9 B. The Department may contract with one or more nonprofit  
10 organizations or community development financial institutions to  
11 administer this program through a public-private partnership.

12 C. The Board shall adopt the rules and program eligibility  
13 guidelines necessary to enforce and administer the Healthy Food  
14 Financing Act, including an application process for financing and  
15 grants. Projects that receive financing must be located in an  
16 underserved community and primarily serve low or moderate income  
17 communities. Projects eligible for financing include:

- 18 1. Construction of new grocery stores;
- 19 2. Construction of small food retailers; and
- 20 3. Grocery store or small food retailer renovations, expansions  
21 and infrastructure upgrades that improve the availability and  
22 quality of fresh produce and other healthy foods.

23 D. Financing made available for projects may be expended for  
24 the following purposes:

- 1 1. Site acquisition and preparation;
- 2 2. Construction costs;
- 3 3. Equipment and furnishings;
- 4 4. Workforce training or security;
- 5 5. Pre-development costs, including market studies and
- 6 appraisals;
- 7 6. Energy efficiency measures;
- 8 7. Working capital for first-time inventory and start-up costs;
- 9 and
- 10 8. For small food retailers, the acquisition or leasing of
- 11 refrigeration equipment, display shelving or other one-time capital
- 12 expenditure, at a cost of less than Five Thousand Dollars
- 13 (\$5,000.00), for the promotion and display of perishable foods,
- 14 which shall include a blend of dairy products, fresh produce, fresh
- 15 meats and poultry and fresh or frozen fish.

16 E. In determining which projects shall qualify for financing,  
17 the Department shall consider:

- 18 1. The level of need of access to healthy foods in the area to
- 19 be served;
- 20 2. The degree to which the project requires an investment of
- 21 public financing to progress, create and impact on access to healthy
- 22 food;

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1           3. The degree to which the project will have a positive  
2 economic impact on the underserved community, including by creating  
3 or retaining jobs for local residents;

4           4. The degree to which the project will participate in state  
5 and local health department initiatives to educate consumers on  
6 nutrition and promote healthier eating; and

7           5. Other criteria the Board determines to be consistent with  
8 the purposes of this act.

9           F. Eligible applicants for financing shall include but are not  
10 limited to sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability  
11 companies, corporations, cooperatives, nonprofit organizations,  
12 nonprofit community development entities, universities or government  
13 entities. Applicants for financing must:

14           1. Demonstrate the capacity to successfully implement the  
15 project and the likelihood that the project will be economically  
16 self-sustaining;

17           2. Demonstrate the ability to repay the debt; and

18           3. Agree, for a period of at least five (5) years, to comply  
19 with the following conditions:

20           a. to accept the benefits of The United States Department  
21 of Agriculture's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
22 Program,

23           b. to apply to accept The United States Department of  
24 Agriculture's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program

1 for Women, Infants, and Children and to accept the  
2 benefits, if approved,

3 c. to allocate at least thirty percent (30%) of food  
4 retail space for the sale of perishable foods, which  
5 shall include fresh dairy, produce, meats, poultry and  
6 fish,

7 d. to comply with all data collection and reporting  
8 requirements established by the Board, and

9 e. to promote the hiring of local residents.

10 G. The Board may establish monitoring and compliance mechanisms  
11 for projects receiving financing.

12 H. The Department shall raise matching funds, promote the  
13 program statewide, evaluate applicants, underwrite and disburse  
14 grants and loans and monitor compliance and impact.

15 I. The Department shall report annually to the Legislature on  
16 the projects funded, the geographic distribution of the projects,  
17 the costs of the program, and the outcomes, including the number and  
18 type of jobs created and health initiatives associated with the  
19 program.

20 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2017.

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10 of Representatives