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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 8, 2024

Re: SB 1324

Signed: May 1, 2024

Effective: July 1, 2024

Topic: Child Nutrition

Summary: This bill creates a new law (70 O.S. § 3-119.1) directing the OSDE to make available to school districts an *optional* electronic universal application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act. The application shall at a minimum:

1. Enable parents and legal guardians to complete and electronically submit applications for free and reduced-price meals to the school districts in which their students are enrolled;
2. Facilitate school districts in collecting and electronically submitting free and reduced-price meal applications to the State Department of Education; and
3. Allow for secure transmission of data necessary for eligibility and enrollment determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The new law stipulates that it shall not be construed to require school districts, parents, or legal guardians to use the electronic universal application.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.