

Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature
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House Bill No. OU-514

Sherer (OU)

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to ~~criminal procedure~~ schools; providing short title; providing for definitions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Section 1. This act shall be known as the “Public University Food Security” Act of 2025.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS The following terms are to be defined as follows for the purposes of this act.

1. “Food Insecurity” shall refer to a condition in which a person lacks access to enough nutritious food for an active and healthy life. This includes the limited or uncertain ability to acquire adequate food.
2. “Public University” shall refer to a higher education institution that is owned and operated by the State of Oklahoma Board of Regents or its political subdivisions and offers undergraduate or graduate degree programs.
3. “Food Pantry” shall refer to a designated space within a university that provides students, staff, and faculty with access to free or low-cost food, toiletries, or clothing.
4. “Client(s)” shall refer to any individual (student, staff, or faculty) receiving materials from a university food pantry.

Section 3. NEW LAW A new law to be codified into the Oklahoma statutes to read as follows:

1. Any public university with an existing Food Pantry on its campus shall allocate two dollars (\$2) per fiscal year for every student enrolled in the university from their annual appropriations awarded by the Board of Regents.
2. The funds shall be used for the following purposes:
 - a. Purchasing and distributing food to students in need.
 - b. Hiring staff or supporting volunteers to operate the food pantry.
 - c. Upkeep of pantry facilities.
 - d. Educational outreach to increase student awareness of food pantry services.

3. Each public university receiving funds under this bill shall submit an annual report to the Oklahoma Board of Regents detailing the use of funds, the number of clients served, and the outcomes of the food pantry program.
 - a. The State Treasurer shall conduct an annual audit to ensure compliance with this bill.

Section 4. This act shall become effective ninety (90) days after passage and Approval.

Amendments

Committee Amendment #1: Title, strike “criminal procedure,” and replace it with “schools”.