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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT

- 2 relating to verification of eligibility for the school lunch
- 3 program.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Section 12.00292 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 12.00292. VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL LUNCH
- 8 PROGRAM. To the extent allowed by federal law, the department shall
- 9 verify, or require local educational agencies to verify, the income
- 10 of each applicant for the school lunch program under 42 U.S.C.
- 11 Section 1751 et seq. whose eligibility under the school lunch
- 12 program is not based on an eligible program that may be used for
- 13 <u>direct verification purposes under 7 C.F.R. Section 245.6a.</u>
- 14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.