Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2240

By Committee on Government Efficiency

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AN ACT concerning public assistance; requiring approval by an act of the legislature prior to any state agency seeking or implementing any public assistance program waiver or other authorization from the federal government that expands eligibility for any public assistance program, increases cost to the state or makes certain changes in services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities; authorizing approval of waivers or other authorizations by the legislative coordinating council when the legislature is not in session.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Except as provided further, on and after July 1, 2025. no state agency shall seek or implement any public assistance program waiver or other authorization from the federal government, including, but not limited to, a medicaid state plan, state plan amendment, state demonstration or a waiver pursuant to section 1115 or 1915 of the federal social security act, that would expand eligibility for any public assistance program to any additional individuals or class of individuals or would increase any cost to the state unless the legislature expressly consents to and approves of such waiver or other authorization by an act of the legislature. The legislative coordinating council, as provided in K.S.A. 46-1202, and amendments thereto, may approve such waiver or other authorization when the legislature is not in session or designate a standing committee or special committee to review an agency's request and make recommendations to the legislative coordinating council based on the committee's review. The provisions of this section shall not affect any state plan amendment or waiver program already being implemented prior to July 1, 2025. A state agency shall provide official notification to the legislative coordinating council that such agency is requesting approval of an action that requires legislative approval pursuant to this section. Upon official receipt of such notification, the legislative coordinating council or the designated standing committee or special committee shall meet within 14 calendar days to consider and take action on such request.

(b) On and after July 1, 2025, no state agency shall seek or implement any change to funding structures, day services or targeted case management services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities unless the legislature expressly consents to and approves of

- such change by an act of the legislature.

 (c) For purposes of this section:

 (1) "Public assistance program" means any assistance under K.S.A.
 39-709, and amendments thereto; and

 (2) "state agency" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto.
 - Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.