

SENATE BILL No. 161

By Committee on Government Efficiency

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1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; requiring approval by an act of the
2 legislature prior to any state agency seeking or implementing any
3 public assistance program waiver or other authorization from the
4 federal government that expands eligibility for any public assistance
5 program or increases cost to the state.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) On and after July 1, 2025, no state agency shall seek or
9 implement any public assistance program waiver or other authorization
10 from the federal government, including, but not limited to, a medicaid
11 state plan, state plan amendment, state demonstration or a waiver pursuant
12 to section 1115 or 1915 of the federal social security act, that would
13 expand eligibility for any public assistance program to any additional
14 individuals or class of individuals or would increase any cost to the state
15 unless the legislature expressly consents to, and approves of, such waiver
16 or other authorization by an act of the legislature. The provisions of this
17 paragraph shall not affect any state plan amendment or waiver program
18 already being implemented prior to July 1, 2025.

19 (b) For purposes of this section:

20 (1) "Public assistance program" means any assistance under K.S.A.
21 39-709, and amendments thereto; and

22 (2) "state agency" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 75-3701, and
23 amendments thereto.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.