

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2027**

As Amended by House Committee on Welfare  
Reform

**Brief\***

HB 2027, as amended, would reorganize subsections within the public assistance statute (KSA 2024 Supp. 39-709) pertaining to eligibility requirements for the cash assistance program (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF), the food assistance program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP), and the child care subsidy program; general requirements related to drug screenings and convictions; assignment of support rights to the Secretary for Children and Families and limited power of attorney; and provisions related to fraud investigations.

The bill would also move existing language within the subsection on the medical assistance program (Medicaid or KanCare) that pertains to the subjects of the newly reorganized subsections to the corresponding subsections. Additionally, the bill would update statutory references in KSA 39-757 to reflect the reorganized subsections.

The bill would also make technical amendments to ensure consistency in statutory phrasing.

**Reorganization of Subsections**

The statute would be reorganized into the following subsections:

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

- Subsection (a): General eligibility requirements for public assistance for which federal moneys are spent for TANF, the food assistance program, and the child care subsidy program [*Note*: The general eligibility requirements in continuing law are qualifying income, citizenship, and Kansas residency.];
- Subsection (b): Requirements specific to TANF;
- Subsection (c): Requirements specific to the food assistance program;
- Subsection (d): Requirements specific to the child care subsidy;
- Subsection (e): Fraud investigations;
- Subsection (f): General requirements related to drug screenings and convictions;
- Subsection (g): General requirements related to assignment of support rights and limited power of attorney; and
- Subsection (h): Electronic benefits card.

The subsections with requirements specific to TANF, food assistance, and the child care subsidy (subsections (b), (c), and (d)) would include a provision that eligibility for each of those programs would be subject to the corresponding requirements for drug screenings and convictions in subsection (f). [*Note*: The drug screening and convictions provisions are continuing law.]

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Welfare Reform at the request of Representative Awerkamp.

### ***House Committee on Welfare Reform***

In the House Committee hearing on January 21, 2025, no proponent, opponent, or neutral testimony was provided.

The House Committee made technical amendments to ensure consistency in statutory phrasing and recommended the bill be passed as amended.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Department for Children and Families indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Public assistance; statute reorganization; eligibility; cash assistance; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; TANF; food assistance program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; SNAP; child care subsidy program