

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2491

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2491, as amended, would require every state agency that is designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and that provides public assistance benefits to quarterly report to the Secretary of State the first and last name; middle initial, if any; residence address; date of birth; alien registration number; last four digits of the Social Security number, if any; and driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number, if any, of each noncitizen recipient of such public assistance benefits.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Proctor.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by representatives of FGA Action, Honest Elections Project Action, and the Secretary of State. The proponents stated the bill would operate in a similar manner to the quarterly report required under existing law by the Division of Vehicles and provide information to help maintain voter registration rolls.

*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/>

Opponent testimony was provided by representatives of the ACLU of Kansas, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas Interfaith Action, and New Frontiers, and one private citizen. The opponents generally stated the bill would raise privacy concerns and could deter eligible families from seeking public assistance benefits. The KDHE representative also expressed concerns that Kansas Medicaid releasing names and addresses of noncitizens to the Secretary of State could violate the Social Security Act and put Medicaid funding at risk.

Written-only opponent testimony was provided by representatives of the Department for Children and Families (DCF), League of Women Voters of Kansas, and Sisters of Charity, and four private citizens.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Specify the state agencies required to quarterly report to the Secretary of State would be those designated as voter registration agencies pursuant to the NVRA and provide public assistance benefits; and
- Specify that the report would include the first and last name; middle initial, if any; residence address; date of birth; alien registration number; last four digits of the Social Security number, if any; and driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number, if any, of each noncitizen recipient of public assistance benefits.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of the Secretary of State states it would use existing resources to

collect and review the data required by the bill. The Kansas Board of Regents (Board) indicates that the Board does not currently monitor the data listed in the bill and applications would have to be revised to gather the data for scholarship students. However, the Board states the additional workload could be handled within its existing resources.

The Kansas Department of Labor and DCF both state the bill would not have a fiscal effect. DCF indicates that federal regulations could prohibit the sharing of information required under the bill's provisions. The State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) both indicate the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

KDHE indicates that the bill would have a fiscal effect on agency operations; however, KDHE did not estimate a fiscal effect since it would be prohibited from sharing information required to be shared under the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Elections; voter registration rolls; noncitizens; public assistance benefits; Secretary of State; National Voter Registration Act