



## **Kansas Department of Commerce**

### **SB 256**

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The Kansas Department of Commerce supports SB 256, which modifies eligibility requirements for receiving public assistance from the state of Kansas through the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).

Commerce currently collaborates with many other agencies and partners, including DCF, to help Kansans find employment and attain self-sufficiency. Through the Workforce Centers and the **KANSASWORKS** system, the Department works with individuals, including many who receive benefits from DCF or the Kansas Department of Labor, to help them find jobs or access training needed to secure employment.

SB 256 will allow Commerce to work more closely with DCF to help individuals who are receiving assistance return to employment. It will improve the Department's ability to engage these job seekers during their search for work. The proposed changes will also allow for better identification and leveraging of the skills that job candidates possess.

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