

HOUSE BILL No. 2556

By Representative Claeys

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1 AN ACT concerning the grandparents as caregivers act; age requirement;
2 deeming children under the act as foster children; amending K.S.A.
3 2015 Supp. 38-145 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-145 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 38-145. (a) If a person meets the financial eligibility requirements
8 developed by the secretary, a grandparent shall be eligible to participate in
9 the program if such grandparent:

- 10 (1) Is ~~50~~ 40 years of age or older;
11 (2) has the grandchild placed in such grandparent's custody by the
12 state, is the legal guardian of the grandchild or has other legal custody of
13 the grandchild; and
14 (3) has an annual household income of less than 130% of the federal
15 poverty level.
16 (b) A grandparent shall not be eligible to participate in the program if
17 the parent or parents of the child reside with such grandparent.
18 (c) The secretary annually shall review the eligibility of grandparents
19 participating in the program. Grandparents shall be required to meet
20 eligibility requirements each year to continue in the program.

21 New Sec. 2. (a) Children cared for under the grandparents as
22 caregivers act are deemed and shall be certified as foster children for the
23 purpose of receiving free and reduced-price school lunches.

24 (b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the grandparents
25 as caregivers act.

26 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-145 is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.