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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Jenna Moyer, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 22, 2019  
Subject: SB166 – Deeming children as foster children under the grandparents as caregivers act.

Section 1 of SB 166 amends K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-145, the eligibility requirements for the grandparents as caregivers act, first by changing the age to qualify as a grandparent from 50 years to 40 years or older, and second by changing the maximum household income from 130% to 300% of the federal poverty level. For reference, the 2018 federal poverty level for a household/family size of 2 is \$16,460.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 38-147 in subsection (b) to require the department for children and families to offer parenting skills training to grandparents in the program at no charge and striking the current language that parenting skills training can be optionally provided by the department.

Section 3 is new language that allows children cared for under the grandparents as caregivers act to be deemed foster children, so that the children would be eligible to receive free and reduced-priced school lunches.