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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Welfare Reform
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 7, 2023
Subject: HB 2140: Increasing the age range of able-bodied adults without dependents required to complete an employment and training program to receive food assistance

House bill 2140 amends K.S.A. 39-709 amends K.S.A. 39-709, the statute that determines eligibility for and disqualification from public assistance programs administered by the Kansas department of children and families, such as temporary assistance for needy families, food assistance and child care subsidies. The bill amends the requirements to be eligible for food assistance.

Current law under subsection (b)(17)(A) prohibits the secretary for children and families from requesting a waiver for time limited assistance for able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents. Able-bodied adults aged 18 through 49 without dependents are limited to 3 months in a 36-month period if they are not meeting requirements that they work at least 20 hours a week or participate in a work program. House bill 2140 would amend the age range in both provisions to 59 years of age.

Current law under subsection (b)(17)(D) states that able-bodied adults age 18 through 49 without dependents and individuals who are not employed at least 30 hours a week are subject to an employment and training program. House bill 2140 would amend the age range to 59 years of age.