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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Welfare Reform
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 7, 2023
Subject: HB 2141: Requiring custodial and non-custodial parents to cooperate with child support enforcement programs and disqualifying such parents for being delinquent in payments

House bill 2141 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 statute to require custodial and non-custodial parents to cooperate with child support enforcement programs to be eligible for food assistance.

Current law, under subsection (b)(11) states “Individuals who have not cooperated without good cause with child support services shall be ineligible to participate in the food assistance program.” House bill 2141 strikes this existing language.

The bill amends subsection (b)(11) to include subparagraph (A) that requires “custodial and non-custodial parents shall cooperate with the child support enforcement program to be eligible.” The bill also adds subparagraph (B) that states “An individual shall be disqualified from participating in the food assistance program during any month that the individual is delinquent in making any payment...”