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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee Welfare Reform
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 9, 2023
Subject: HB 2179: Removing non-cooperation with child support from disqualifications for child care assistance.

House bill 2179 removes provisions in K.S.A. 39-709, the statute that determines eligibility for public assistance administered by the Kansas department for children and families, including child care subsidies, or also known as child care assistance or Non-TANF child care.

Current law in subsection (b)(10) states that when an individual does not cooperate with the child support program, such individual shall be disqualified from food assistance and sets such periods of disqualifications. House bill 2179 removes “child care subsidy” from the subsection and such periods of disqualification.

In addition to removing the disqualification, the bill also removes mention of “child care benefits” in subsection (k), which assigns rights to such child support payments upon application, when cooperating with the child support program, to the secretary.