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HOUSE WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

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BILL NUMBER	SHORT TITLE	INTRODUCED BY / ON BEHALF OF	DATE OF HEARING/ DISCUSSION	DATE OF ACTION
HB 2178	Allowing persons with felony drug convictions to receive benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.	Brenna Visocsky on behalf of Kansas Applleseed in Committee on Corrections and Juvnile Justice		
HB 2287	Eliminating certain restrictions for eligibility for public assistance, including removing the requirement to cooperate with child support services, restrictions on persons convicted of drug felonies, requirements for employment and training programs, photograph requirements for benefits cards and legislative action required for expansion of medical assistance, permitting the secretary from granting categorical eligibility standards, extending the lifetime limitation on benefits, providing for hardship extensions and exempting parents providing care for a child less than one year of age	Representative Ousley		
HB 2358	Requiring able-bodied adults and work registrants without dependents under six years of age to participate in an employment training program as a condition of receiving food assistance	Representative Awerkamp		
HB 2360	Directing the secretary for children and families to review and compare data for public assistance program eligibility.	Representative Awerkamp	2/11/2025	
HB 2731	Substitute for HB 2731 - Requiring the department for children and families and the office of inspector general to exchange information and documents related to cash assistance, childcare assistance and food assistance fraud investigations. (less)	Representative Awerkamp	2/10/2026	BP as Sub for HB2731 2/12/2026
HB 2738	Directing the secretary for children and families to request or update a pending waiver application from the supplemental nutrition assistance program that would allow the state to prohibit the purchase of food commonly marketed, advertised or recognized as candy and soft drinks.	Representative Awerkamp	2/10/2026	BPA 2/12/2026
SB 85	Directing the secretary for children and families to review and compare data for public assistance program eligibility.	Senate Committee on Government Efficiency	3/6/2025	
SB 161	Requiring legislative approval prior to any state agency seeking or implementing a public assistance program waiver or other authorization from the federal government that expands eligibility for any public assistance program or increases cost to the state or making certain changes in services for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.	Senate Committee on Government Efficiency		

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SB 363	Requiring the department of health and environment (KDHE) to seek federal approval for continuous medicaid eligibility for certain individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities receiving services through a home and community based services waiver, directing state agencies to report to certain legislative committees on Kansans losing public assistance program eligibility, requiring the Kansas department for children and families and KDHE to enter into data-matching agreements with state agencies to verify eligibility for food and medical assistance and KDHE to submit certain data to the centers for medicare and medicaid services, prohibiting certain public assistance waivers or exemptions without legislative approval and self-attestation for purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance, requiring quarterly eligibility redeterminations for medical assistance and providing exceptions for certain individuals, limiting retroactive enrollment in medical assistance, immediately terminating eligibility for medical assistance upon confirmation of death of the enrollee, increasing the age limit for able-bodied adults without certain dependents and prohibiting certain exemptions from work requirements under the food assistance program.	Senate Committee on Government Efficiency	2/12/2026	BPA 3/17/2026