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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2027

House Bill 2027 proposes a reorganization of the public assistance program sections within K.S.A. 39-709. The bill has the statute now be organized by public assistance program.

The statute would be organized by the following outline:

- (a) General eligibility for assistance for which federal moneys are expended;
- (b) temporary assistance for needy families program;
- (c) food assistance program;
- (d) child care subsidy program;
- (e) fraud investigations;
- (f) drug screenings and convictions;
- (g) assignment of support rights and limited power of attorney; and
- (h) electronic benefits card.

Subsection (a) outlines the general eligibility requirements for cash assistance, food assistance and child care subsidy. The requirements include income, citizenship and residency in Kansas. Each subsection includes all current statutory requirements for the corresponding program, except that more general requirements related to drug screenings and convictions, assignment of rights to the secretary and electronic benefit cards are organized in such items' own subsection. Each section includes a provision that eligibility for the corresponding program is subject to the corresponding requirements for drug screenings and convictions found in subsection (f). The bill does not amend subsections related to the Medicaid program, except for correcting references due to the reorganization of subsections.

House Bill 2027 also cleans up references to K.S.A. 39-709 in K.S.A. 39-757. The house committee adopted a technical amendment to standardize references to TANF in the statute.

The bill would go into effect on publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.