

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2731

By Committee on Welfare Reform

2-16

1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; requiring the secretary for children
2 and families and the office of inspector general to exchange
3 information and documents related to cash assistance, childcare
4 assistance and food assistance fraud investigations.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) To facilitate in the detection, investigation and
8 prosecution of fraud in the cash assistance, childcare assistance and food
9 assistance programs, the secretary for children and families and the office
10 of the inspector general shall exchange:

11 (1) Documents and information related to cash assistance, childcare
12 assistance and food assistance applicants or recipients;

13 (2) documents and information related to cash assistance, childcare
14 assistance and food assistance eligibility determinations;

15 (3) electronic benefit card transaction data or documents; and

16 (4) any other materials received, compiled or created by either agency
17 related to an audit, inquiry or investigation of a cash assistance, childcare
18 assistance or food assistance applicant, recipient, authorized retailer or any
19 other individual suspected of or under investigation for fraud in the cash
20 assistance, childcare assistance or food assistance programs.

21 (b) Documents and information shall be exchanged at the request of
22 either agency and completed in a reasonable time, that shall not exceed 30
23 days from the date of the receipt of the request.

24 (c) All documents and information exchanged shall only be used for
25 the purpose of detecting, investigating and prosecuting fraud in the cash
26 assistance, childcare assistance or food assistance programs.

27 (d) As used in this section, "document" means the same as defined in
28 K.S.A. 17-7663, and amendments thereto.

29 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
30 publication in the statute book.