

Reorganization of Public Assistance Statute; HB 2027

HB 2027 reorganizes subsections within the public assistance statute (KSA 2024 Supp. 39-709) pertaining to eligibility requirements for the cash assistance program (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF), the food assistance program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP), and the child care subsidy program; general requirements related to drug screenings and convictions; assignment of support rights to the Secretary for Children and Families and limited power of attorney; and provisions related to fraud investigations.

The bill also moves language within the subsection on the medical assistance program (Medicaid or KanCare) that pertains to the subjects of the newly reorganized subsections to the corresponding subsections. Additionally, the bill updates statutory references in a statute regarding deposits into funds used for these purposes to reflect the reorganized subsections.

Reorganization of Subsections

The statute is reorganized into the following subsections:

- Subsection (a): General eligibility requirements for public assistance for which federal moneys are spent for TANF, the food assistance program, and the child care subsidy program [*Note: The general eligibility requirements in continuing law are qualifying income, citizenship, and Kansas residency.*];
- Subsection (b): Requirements specific to TANF;
- Subsection (c): Requirements specific to SNAP;
- Subsection (d): Requirements specific to the child care subsidy;
- Subsection (e): Fraud investigations;
- Subsection (f): General requirements related to drug screenings and convictions;
- Subsection (g): General requirements related to assignment of support rights and limited power of attorney; and
- Subsection (h): Electronic benefits card.

The subsections with requirements specific to TANF, SNAP, and the child care subsidy (subsections (b), (c), and (d)) include a provision that eligibility for each of those programs is subject to the corresponding requirements for drug screenings and convictions reorganized into subsection (f). [*Note: The drug screening and convictions provisions are continuing law.*]