

HOUSE BILL No. 2393

By Committee on Welfare Reform

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1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to the secretary for
2 children and families; directing the secretary to enter agreements with
3 state agencies for the continuous review and comparison of data for
4 public assistance eligibility; requiring the secretary to review federal
5 sources to verify such eligibility.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) To verify eligibility for the food assistance program
9 pursuant to K.S.A. 39-709, and amendments thereto, the secretary for
10 children and families shall enter into data-matching agreements with state
11 agencies to compare data related to households enrolled in food assistance
12 and other state data sets. The secretary shall receive and review
13 information concerning individuals or households enrolled in food
14 assistance that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect
15 eligibility for the program:

16 (1) On at least a monthly basis, from the office of vital statistics,
17 including, but not limited to, death records;

18 (2) on at least a quarterly basis, from the department of labor,
19 including, but not limited to, changes in employment or wages;

20 (3) on at least a monthly basis, including, but not limited to, potential
21 changes in residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit
22 transfer transactions;

23 (4) on at least a quarterly basis, from the department of revenue,
24 including, but not limited to, potential changes in income, wages or
25 residency as identified by tax records;

26 (5) on at least a monthly basis, from the department of corrections,
27 including, but not limited to, incarceration status;

28 (6) on at least a semi-monthly basis, from the department of labor,
29 including, but not limited to, potential changes in employment, income or
30 assets; and

31 (7) on at least a monthly basis, from the Kansas lottery and the
32 Kansas racing and gaming commission to identify households with lottery
33 or gambling winnings of \$3,000 or greater and, to the extent permissible
34 under federal law, deem this data verified upon receipt, and if the data is
35 not verified upon receipt, the department shall make referrals for further
36 investigation to identify households with winnings equal to or greater than

1 the resource limit for elderly or disabled households as defined in 7 C.F.R.
2 § 273.8(b).

3 (b) On at least a monthly basis, to assess continued eligibility and act
4 on findings, the secretary for children and families shall review and act on
5 the following data from federal sources:

6 (1) Earned income information, death records, incarceration records,
7 supplemental security income information, beneficiary records, earnings
8 information and pension information maintained by the United States
9 social security administration;

10 (2) income and employment information maintained in the national
11 directory of new hires and child support enforcement data maintained by
12 the United States department of health and human services;

13 (3) payment and earnings information maintained by the United
14 States department of housing and urban development; and

15 (4) fleeing felon information maintained by the United States federal
16 bureau of investigation.

17 (c) On at least a quarterly basis, the secretary shall make available to
18 the public on the Kansas department for children and families's website
19 data from findings of non-compliance and fraud investigations in food
20 assistance for the following aggregate, non-confidential and non-
21 personally identifying information:

22 (1) The number of households investigated for intentional program
23 violations or fraud;

24 (2) total number of households referred to the attorney general's
25 office for prosecution;

26 (3) improper payments and expenditures;

27 (4) moneys recovered;

28 (5) data concerning improper payments and ineligible recipients as a
29 percentage of those investigated and reviewed; and

30 (6) the amount of funds expended by electronic benefit card
31 transactions in each state outside of Kansas.

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