

As Amended by House Committee

HOUSE BILL No. 2141

By Committee on Welfare Reform

1-23

1 AN ACT concerning food assistance; requiring cooperation with child
2 support to determine food assistance eligibility for custodial and non-
3 custodial parents; disqualifying such parents from food assistance when
4 delinquent in child support payments; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 39-
5 709 and repealing the existing section.

identifying when the secretary for children and
families shall review cooperation with child
support;

adding disqualification exemptions;

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 39-709 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 39-709. (a) *General eligibility requirements for assistance for*
10 *which federal moneys are expended.* Subject to the additional requirements
11 below, assistance in accordance with plans under which federal moneys
12 are expended may be granted to any needy person who:

13 (1) Has insufficient income or resources to provide a reasonable
14 subsistence compatible with decency and health. Where a husband and
15 wife or cohabiting partners are living together, the combined income or
16 resources of both shall be considered in determining the eligibility of
17 either or both for such assistance unless otherwise prohibited by law. The
18 secretary, in determining need of any applicant for or recipient of
19 assistance shall not take into account the financial responsibility of any
20 individual for any applicant or recipient of assistance unless such applicant
21 or recipient is such individual's spouse, cohabiting partner or such
22 individual's minor child or minor stepchild if the stepchild is living with
23 such individual. The secretary in determining need of an individual may
24 provide such income and resource exemptions as may be permitted by
25 federal law. For purposes of eligibility for temporary assistance for needy
26 families, for food assistance and for any other assistance provided through
27 the Kansas department for children and families under which federal
28 moneys are expended, the secretary for children and families shall
29 consider one motor vehicle owned by the applicant for assistance,
30 regardless of the value of such vehicle, as exempt personal property and
31 shall consider any equity in any boat, personal water craft, recreational
32 vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle or all-terrain vehicle, as defined
33 by K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, or any additional motor vehicle
34 owned by the applicant for assistance to be a nonexempt resource of the
35 applicant for assistance except that any additional motor vehicle used by
36 the applicant, the applicant's spouse or the applicant's cohabiting partner