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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House of Representatives Committee on Children and Seniors  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 22, 2021  
Subject: House Bill 2371

HB 2371 changes certain requirements to receive public assistance. K.S.A. 39-709 sets the requirements to receive TANF, food and child care assistance and more.

K.S.A. 39-709 currently requires that recipients of TANF, food and child care assistance cooperate with child support enforcement. HB 2371 would no longer require those receiving or applying for child care assistance to cooperate with child support enforcements. The bill would no longer render those who are not cooperating with child support services ineligible.

Subsection (b)(16)(B) states that the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families shall adopt rules and regulations to determine and maintain eligibility for child care assistance, including the requirement that all adults shall be employed a minimum of 20 hours per week or more to receive the assistance. But, there are some exemptions to the 20-hour-per-week work requirement.

HB 2371 would add another exemption to the 20-hour-per-week work requirement for "adults enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school or postsecondary educational institution." The bill also strikes all language imposing requirements on adults enrolled in postsecondary education for assistance eligibility and a lifetime maximum amount.

The section would take effect upon publication in the statute book.