

HOUSE BILL NO. 985

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAEFNER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to eligibility data verification for public assistance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.065, to read as follows:

208.065. 1. No later than January 1, 2016, the department of social services shall procure a contractor to provide verification of initial and ongoing eligibility data for assistance under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP); temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program; women, infants, and children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program; child care assistance program; and MO HealthNet program. The contractor shall conduct data matches using the name, date of birth, address, Social Security number of each applicant and recipient, and additional data provided by the applicant or recipient relevant to eligibility against public records and other data sources to verify eligibility data.

2. The contractor shall evaluate the income, resources, and assets of each applicant and recipient no less than quarterly. In addition to quarterly eligibility data verification, the contractor shall identify on a monthly basis any program participants who have died, moved out of state, or have been incarcerated longer than ninety days.

3. The contractor, upon completing an eligibility data verification of an applicant or recipient, shall notify the department of the results, except that the contractor shall not verify the eligibility data of persons residing in long-term care facilities whose income and resources were at or below the applicable financial eligibility standards at the time of their

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 last review. Within twenty business days of such notification, the department shall make
19 an eligibility determination. The department shall retain final authority over eligibility
20 determinations. The contractor shall keep a record of all eligibility data verifications
21 communicated to the department.

22 4. Within thirty days of the end of each calendar year, the department and
23 contractor shall file a joint report on a yearly basis to the governor, the speaker of the
24 house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate. The report shall
25 include, but shall not be limited to, the number of applicants and recipients determined
26 ineligible for assistance programs based on the eligibility data verification by the
27 contractor and the stated reasons for the determination of ineligibility by the department.

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