

## HOUSE BILL No. 2770

By Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

Requested by Representative Carr

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1 AN ACT concerning public assistance; relating to the secretary for  
2 children and families; creating the Kansas food and financial literacy  
3 grant program for local service providers to develop food and financial  
4 literacy materials for food assistance applicants and recipients;  
5 requiring grantees to distribute and make available free materials and  
6 training opportunities for such applicants and recipients; establishing  
7 the Kansas food and financial literacy grant program fund.  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. (a) Subject to appropriations, there is hereby established  
11 the Kansas food and financial literacy grant program. The secretary for  
12 children and families shall administer the program.

13 (b) On or before March 1, 2025, the secretary for children and  
14 families shall adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the  
15 Kansas food and financial literacy grant program. Such rules and  
16 regulations shall establish:

17 (1) Grant applications, forms and deadlines;

18 (2) the terms, conditions and requirements for the Kansas food and  
19 financial literacy grant consistent with the provisions of this section; and

20 (3) procedures for awarding and disbursement of grants.

21 (c) The secretary for children and families shall:

22 (1) Select program grantees from among food security service  
23 providers based in or with offices located in Kansas that provide food  
24 security services to Kansas communities;

25 (2) work with community partners, such as community foundations,  
26 school districts, Kansas business and industry and Kansas economic  
27 development organizations to publicize Kansas food and financial literacy  
28 grants, including, but not limited to, publicizing selected food security  
29 service providers and application and deadlines;

30 (3) award and disburse grants to selected local food security service  
31 providers; and

32 (4) request information from grantees necessary for the  
33 administration of this section.

34 (d) Grantees of the Kansas food and financial literacy grant program  
35 shall:

1 (1) Develop materials that educate applicants and recipients of food  
2 assistance on finances, budgeting, meal planning and nutrition based on  
3 the local consumer price index of the area the grantees serve;

4 (2) distribute such materials free of charge and make available to  
5 applicants and recipients of food assistance; and

6 (3) create and provide opportunities for free-of-charge training on  
7 topics of finances, budgeting, meal planning and nutrition for applicants  
8 and recipients of food assistance.

9 (e) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas food and  
10 financial literacy grant program fund, which shall be administered by the  
11 Kansas department for children and families. All expenditures from the  
12 Kansas food and financial literacy grant program fund shall be for Kansas  
13 food and financial literacy grants awarded pursuant to this section. All  
14 expenditures from the Kansas food and financial literacy grant program  
15 fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of  
16 the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved  
17 by the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee. All  
18 moneys received by the secretary for the Kansas food and financial  
19 literacy grant program shall be deposited in the state treasury in  
20 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments  
21 thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall  
22 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas  
23 food and financial literacy grant program fund.

24 (f) As used in this section, "food security service provider" means a  
25 government or quasi-government agency or nonprofit organization that  
26 provides services to applicants and recipients of food assistance  
27 administered by the secretary for children and families.

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