AN ACT concerning the grandparents as caregivers act; age requirement; deeming children under the act as foster children; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-145 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-145. (a) If a person meets the financial eligibility requirements developed by the secretary, a grandparent shall be eligible to participate in the program if such grandparent:

1. Is 50 years of age or older;

2. has the grandchild placed in such grandparent's custody by the state, is the legal guardian of the grandchild or has other legal custody of the grandchild; and

3. has an annual household income of less than 130% of the federal poverty level.

(b) A grandparent shall not be eligible to participate in the program if the parent or parents of the child reside with such grandparent.

(c) The secretary annually shall review the eligibility of grandparents participating in the program. Grandparents shall be required to meet eligibility requirements each year to continue in the program.

New Sec. 2. (a) Children cared for under the grandparents as caregivers act are deemed and shall be certified as foster children for the purpose of receiving free and reduced-price school lunches.

(b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the grandparents as caregivers act.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 38-145 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.