

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/SCS/House Bill No. 556, Page 4, Section 192.390, Line 26,

of said page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"208.065. 1. No later than January 1, 2016, the department of social services shall procure and enter into a competitively bid contract with 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; 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

1 department of the results, except that the contractor shall not
2 verify the eligibility data of persons residing in long-term care
3 facilities whose income and resources were at or below the
4 applicable financial eligibility standards at the time of their
5 last review. Within twenty business days of such notification,
6 the department shall make an eligibility determination. The
7 department shall retain final authority over eligibility
8 determinations. The contractor shall keep a record of all
9 eligibility data verifications communicated to the department.

10 4. Within thirty days of the end of each calendar year, the
11 department and contractor shall file a joint report on a yearly
12 basis to the governor, the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate.
14 The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the number
15 of applicants and recipients determined ineligible for assistance
16 programs based on the eligibility data verification by the
17 contractor and the stated reasons for the determination of
18 ineligibility by the department."; and

19 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.