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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to 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 two new sections, to be
2 known as sections 208.065 and 208.078, to read as follows:

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

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

14 3. **The contractor, upon completing an eligibility data verification of an applicant**
15 **or recipient, shall notify the department of the results, except that the contractor shall not**
16 **verify the eligibility data of persons residing in long-term care facilities whose income and**
17 **resources were at or below the applicable financial eligibility standards at the time of their**
18 **last review. Within twenty business days of such notification, the department shall make**

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.

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.**

208.078. When the department or its designated division receives information,
2 **including from a MO HealthNet managed care plan, that a MO HealthNet participant,**
3 **excluding a child in the custody of the state, resides out of state, such participant's MO**
4 **HealthNet services shall be terminated as provided for under this chapter.**

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