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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1795

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Reported from the Committee on Seniors, Families and Children, April 14, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

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

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*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, 2017, 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 department of the results, except that, the contractor shall not verify the eligibility data of persons residing in long-term care facilities or persons**

21 receiving home- and community-based services whose income and  
22 resources were at or below the applicable financial eligibility standards  
23 at the time of their last review. Within twenty business days of such  
24 notification, the department shall make an eligibility  
25 determination. The department shall retain final authority over  
26 eligibility determinations. The contractor shall keep a record of all  
27 eligibility data verifications communicated to the department. Nothing  
28 in this subsection shall be construed to affect any obligation or  
29 requirement under state or federal law or regulation that the  
30 department verify the eligibility data of persons residing in long-term  
31 care facilities or persons receiving home- and community-based  
32 services.

33 4. Within thirty days of the end of each calendar year, the  
34 department and contractor shall file a joint report on a yearly basis to  
35 the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
36 president pro tempore of the senate. The report shall include, but not  
37 be limited to, the number of applicants and recipients determined  
38 ineligible for assistance programs based on the eligibility data  
39 verification by the contractor and the stated reasons for the  
40 determination of ineligibility by the department.

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