HOUSE BILL No. 2415

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; establishing the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program; relating to medical assistance; expanding income limits for eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level.

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

Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program, and the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program is hereby established. The department of health and environment shall administer and promote the program and provide information to potential eligible individuals who live in medically underserved areas of Kansas. The legislature expressly consents to expand eligibility for receipt of benefits under the Kansas program of medical assistance as required by K.S.A. 39-709(e)(2), and amendments thereto, by the passage and enactment of the KanCare bridge to a healthy Kansas program.

- (b) For the purposes of eligibility determinations under the Kansas program of medical assistance on and after January 1, 2024, medical assistance shall be granted to any adult under 65 years of age who is not pregnant and whose modified adjusted gross income does not exceed 138% of the federal poverty level, to the extent permitted under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, as in effect on July 1, 2023.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.