

SENATE BILL No. 510

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning the secretary of social and rehabilitation services; authorizing financial organizations to provide information relating to applicants for or recipients of public assistance to certain persons.

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

Section 1. When used in this act:

(a) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and rehabilitation services.

(b) "Financial organization" means any bank, trust company, savings bank, land bank, safe deposit company, savings and loan association, credit union, investment company, any type of insurance company or other entity paying interest income.

Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services may request, in writing, that a financial organization inform the secretary of any records which the financial organization may have which relate to deposit, withdrawal and interest transactions of the financial organization with the applicant for or recipient of public assistance under article 7 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, who is named in the request or on a computer tape accompanying such request. Upon receipt of the request, the financial organization may provide to the secretary a copy of all such records for the five-year period or a lesser time period as requested by the secretary which immediately precedes the day of the receipt of the request.

(b) The financial organization may provide, upon written request, to an officer of an agency administering any public assistance program in any other state the same information the financial organization is permitted to provide under subsection (a) if a similar financial organization in such other state is required by statute in effect in the other state to provide such information to the secretary of social and rehabilitation services. A reasonable fee may be charged the requesting state so long as the fee does not exceed the actual cost of providing the information requested.

(c) By applying for or receiving assistance an applicant or recipient shall be deemed to have authorized the secretary to obtain the records set forth in subsection (a).

1 (d) A financial organization and its employees shall be immune from
2 civil liability to any account holder by reason of disclosure of information
3 by the financial organization under the provisions of this act.

4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.

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