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Section-by-Section Summary

- **Section 1:** Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to lengthen and maintain eligibility for all public assistance programs to the maximum period of eligibility permitted under federal law
- **Section 2:** Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to prohibit CHFS, to the extent permitted under federal law, from relying exclusively on automated, artificial-intelligence based, or algorithmic software in the identification of fraud in public assistance programs and requires that CHFS personnel review relevant documentation before denying, discontinuing, or reducing an individual's public assistance benefits
- **Section 3:** Amends KRS 205.231 to establish that a public assistance beneficiary shall enjoy a presumption of innocence when appealing a decision to disqualify the individual from receiving public assistance benefits
- **Sections 4 to 8:** Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require insurers and any exchange to provide a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals; specify requirements for the coverage; require group plan insurers to provide notice of special enrollment rights; amends KRS 304.17A-145 to require health benefit plans that provide coverage for dependents to provide coverage for maternity care; amends KRS 304.17A-220 to conform with special enrollment requirement; amends KRS 18A.225 and 164.2871 to require the state employee health plan and self-insured state postsecondary education institution group health plans to comply with the special enrollment and maternity coverage requirements
- **Section 9:** Amends KRS 194A.099 to conform with the special enrollment period established in Sections 4 to 8 and the requirement for coverage for lactation support services and breastfeeding supplies established in Section 10
- **Section 10:** Amends KRS 205.592 to allow Medicaid income limit for certain women and children to be increased under certain circumstances
- **Section 11:** Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require Medicaid coverage for lactation support services and breastfeeding supplies
- **Section 12:** Amends KRS 205.1783 to require that SNAP E&T programs offer the same job training and support services as are offered to KTAP participants
- **Section 13:** Amends KRS 208.5372 to require health benefit plans made available through a basic health program to comply with the special enrollment period established in Section 4 to 8 and to requirement for coverage for lactation support services and breastfeeding supplies

- **Sections 14 & 15:** Amend KRS 100.982 and 100.984 to permit the operation of family child-care homes in any residential zone without a conditional use permit
- **Sections 16 & 17:** Amend KRS 199.894 to define terms and create a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to establish the Child Care Assistance Program including eligibility criteria, minimum reimbursement rates for providers, a benefit phase-out period, and a prohibition on providers charging overages
- **Sections 18 to 20:** Amend KRS 139.010 and 139.480 to exempt certain postnatal supplies from the sales and use tax
- **Sections 21 to 26:** Create new sections of KRS Chapter 141 and amends KRS 141.067, 141.0205, and 131.190 to establish a refundable earned income tax credit, a refundable child tax credit, and a nonrefundable adoption services tax credit and to make the existing child and dependent care tax credit refundable
- **Section 27:** Amends 64.012 to increase the deed transfer fee from \$33 to \$45 and the mortgage filing fee from \$63 to \$75 with the additional fee amounts being dedicated to the affordable housing trust fund
- **Section 28:** Creates a new section of KRS 383 to allow evictions to be expunged after 3 years if back rent has been paid
- **Section 29:** Creates a new section of KRS 164 to establish a tuition and fee waiver for eligible pregnant women and parents seeking an undergraduate degree at a public college or university
- **Section 30:** Authorized CHFS to establish a basic health program as permitted under 42 U.S.C. sec. 18051
- **Section 31:** Directs CHFS to prepare and submit a section 1915(i) waiver application to provide supported housing and supported employment services to Medicaid beneficiaries who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness
- **Section 32:** Directs CHFS to prepare and submit a section 1332 state innovation waiver application to waive the single risk pool and establish a state-based reinsurance program
- **Section 33:** Directs CHFS to prepare and submit a waiver application to the USDA to permit the cabinet to accept SNAP application from incarcerated individuals up to 6 months prior to release from incarceration
- **Section 34:** Appropriates \$X in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to the Kentucky Housing Corporation for a rental assistance program for pregnant women and households with children under 5 years of age

- **Section 35:** Appropriates \$1,000,000 in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to the Department of Agriculture for a cents-per-meal program to reimburse schools who purchase Kentucky Proud products for school meals
- **Section 36:** Appropriates \$100,000 in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to the Department of Agriculture to support the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- **Section 37:** Appropriates \$100,000 in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to CHFS to expand the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program to include Jefferson County
- **Section 38:** Appropriates \$X in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to CHFS to establish the Kentucky Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as a phase out for federally-funded SNAP benefits
- **Section 39:** Appropriates \$X in each year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to CHFS for the continuation of pandemic-era changes to the Child Care Assistance Program including income eligibility criteria, provider reimbursement rates, provider sustainability payments, and the 6-month benefit phase out
- **Sections 40 to 42:** Appropriate funds to increase the number of slots in the Michelle P., SCL, and HCB waiver programs; the number of slots funded in each year of the 2024-2026 biennium in each program represent 1/6 of the number of individuals on the waitlist for each waiver program with the intent of eliminated the current waitlist in 6 years
- **Section 43:** Directs CHFS to prepare and submit any federal waiver applications that may be necessary withing 120 days after the effective date of this act and to only delay implementation of those provisions for which federal authorization is required
- **Section 44 to 46:** Delayed effective dates
- **Section 47:** Establish short title