

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to temporary cash assistance  
 3           eligibility; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; removing the  
 4           prohibition of awarding benefits to a person who has a  
 5           felony drug conviction for trafficking; removing  
 6           specified requirements in order for a person convicted  
 7           of a drug felony to receive benefits; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 414.095, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14           414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash  
 15 assistance.—

16           (1) ELIGIBILITY.—An applicant must meet the eligibility  
 17 requirements of this section before receiving services or  
 18 temporary cash assistance under this chapter, except that an  
 19 applicant ~~is shall be~~ required to register for work and engage  
 20 in work activities in accordance with s. 445.024, as designated  
 21 by the local workforce development board, and may receive  
 22 support services or child care assistance in conjunction with  
 23 such requirement. The department shall make a determination of  
 24 eligibility based on the criteria listed in this chapter. The  
 25 department shall monitor continued eligibility for temporary

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26 | cash assistance through periodic reviews consistent with the  
27 | food assistance eligibility process. Benefits may not be denied  
28 | to an individual solely based on a felony drug conviction,  
29 | ~~unless the conviction is for trafficking pursuant to s. 893.135.~~  
30 | ~~To be eligible under this section, an individual convicted of a~~  
31 | ~~drug felony must be satisfactorily meeting the requirements of~~  
32 | ~~the temporary cash assistance program, including all substance~~  
33 | ~~abuse treatment requirements. Within the limits specified in~~  
34 | ~~this chapter,~~ The state opts out of the provision of Pub. L. No.  
35 | 104-193, s. 115, that eliminates eligibility for temporary cash  
36 | assistance and food assistance for any individual convicted of a  
37 | controlled substance felony.

38 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.