

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to eligibility for temporary cash
 3 assistance; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; removing
 4 provisions authorizing certain benefits to be denied
 5 to individuals based solely on certain felony drug
 6 trafficking convictions; removing a limitation on the
 7 state's opting out of certain federal provisions
 8 relating to such benefit eligibility; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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

15 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash
 16 assistance.—

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

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

39 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.