

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to temporary cash assistance
 3 eligibility; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; providing that
 4 benefits may not be denied to an individual if the
 5 Department of Children and Families determines that
 6 such person is a victim of human trafficking;
 7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 414.095, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash
 14 assistance.—

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

26 | food assistance eligibility process. Benefits may not be denied
27 | to an individual solely based on a felony drug conviction,
28 | unless the conviction is for trafficking pursuant to s. 893.135.
29 | Benefits may not be denied to an individual solely on the basis
30 | of a trafficking conviction pursuant to s. 893.135 if the
31 | department has determined that such individual is a victim of
32 | human trafficking, as defined in s. 943.0583(1). To be eligible
33 | under this section, an individual convicted of a drug felony
34 | must be satisfactorily meeting the requirements of the temporary
35 | cash assistance program, including all substance abuse treatment
36 | requirements. Within the limits specified in this chapter, the
37 | state opts out of the provision of Pub. L. No. 104-193, s. 115,
38 | that eliminates eligibility for temporary cash assistance and
39 | food assistance for any individual convicted of a controlled
40 | substance felony.

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