

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and  
Senator Powell

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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 certain victims of human  
5 trafficking; making technical changes; providing an  
6 effective date.

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

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

12 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash  
13 assistance.—

14 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—An applicant must meet the eligibility  
15 requirements of this section before receiving services or  
16 temporary cash assistance under this chapter, except that an  
17 applicant must ~~shall be required to~~ register for work and engage  
18 in work activities in accordance with s. 445.024, as designated  
19 by the local workforce development board, and may receive  
20 support services or child care assistance in conjunction with  
21 such requirement. The department shall make a determination of  
22 eligibility based on the criteria identified ~~listed~~ in this  
23 chapter. The department shall monitor continued eligibility for  
24 temporary cash assistance through periodic reviews consistent  
25 with the food assistance eligibility process. Benefits may not  
26 be denied to an individual solely based on a felony drug  
27 conviction, unless the conviction is for trafficking pursuant to  
28 s. 893.135. If an individual has been determined by the  
29 department to be a victim of human trafficking as defined in s.

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30 943.0583(1), the individual may not be denied benefits solely on  
31 the basis of being convicted of a trafficking offense described  
32 in s. 893.135. To be eligible under this section, an individual  
33 convicted of a drug felony must be satisfactorily meeting the  
34 requirements of the temporary cash assistance program, including  
35 all substance abuse treatment requirements. Within the limits  
36 specified in this chapter, the state opts out of the provision  
37 of Pub. L. No. 104-193, s. 115, which ~~that~~ eliminates  
38 eligibility for temporary cash assistance and food assistance  
39 for any individual convicted of a controlled substance felony.

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