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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to temporary cash assistance  
eligibility; amending s. 414.095, F.S.; deleting the  
prohibition against awarding benefits to a person who  
has a felony drug conviction for trafficking; deleting  
specified requirements a person convicted of a drug  
felony must meet to receive benefits; providing an  
effective date.

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

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

414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash  
assistance.—

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—An applicant must meet the eligibility  
requirements of this section before receiving services or  
temporary cash assistance under this chapter, except that an  
applicant is ~~shall be~~ required to register for work and engage  
in work activities in accordance with s. 445.024, as designated  
by the local workforce development board, and may receive  
support services or child care assistance in conjunction with  
such requirement. The department shall make a determination of  
eligibility based on the criteria listed in this chapter. The  
department shall monitor continued eligibility for temporary  
cash assistance through periodic reviews consistent with the  
food assistance eligibility process. Benefits may not be denied  
to an individual solely based on a felony drug conviction~~7~~  
~~unless the conviction is for trafficking pursuant to s. 893.135.~~

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~~To be eligible under this section, an individual convicted of a drug felony must be satisfactorily meeting the requirements of the temporary cash assistance program, including all substance abuse treatment requirements. Within the limits specified in this chapter,~~ The state opts out of the provision of Pub. L. No. 104-193, s. 115, that eliminates eligibility for temporary cash assistance and food assistance for any individual convicted of a controlled substance felony.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.