

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; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 414.095, Florida
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash
 12 assistance.—

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

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

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