

Senate Bill 356

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th, Seay of the 34th and Harbison of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to temporary assistance for needy families, so as to change certain provisions relating
3 to eligibility for assistance; to provide for applicability and contingencies; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 temporary assistance for needy families, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection
10 (a) of Code Section 49-4-184, referring to eligibility for assistance, as follows:

11 "(5) The applicant or recipient is convicted of any felony under Article 2 of Chapter 13
12 of Title 16, the 'Georgia Controlled Substances Act,' on or after January 1, 1997;
13 provided, however, that on and after July 1, 2010, if the applicant or recipient was
14 convicted only of drug possession on or after July 1, 2010, and the Board of Human
15 Services determines that such person has successfully completed a substance abuse
16 treatment program designated as an approved program by the board, such person shall be
17 eligible to receive assistance under this article;"

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 The changes in law created by this Act shall apply only to a determination of eligibility of
20 a person seeking temporary assistance for needy families made on or after July 1, 2010. A
21 determination of eligibility made before the effective date of this Act shall be governed by
22 the former provisions of Code Section 49-4-184.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

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SECTION 4.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.