

House Bill 52

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Abrams of the 89th, Dempsey of the 13th, Gardner of the 57th, and Hugley of the 136th

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 provide for TANF assistance for
3 children with legal custodians; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 temporary assistance for needy families, is amended in Code Section 49-4-181, relating to
9 definitions applicable to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, by revising
10 paragraph (6) as follows:

11 "(6) 'Family' means one or more children living with a responsible parent, both parents,
12 or other caretaker relative, legal custodian, or legal guardian."

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

14 Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-182, relating to the creation of the
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

16 "(a) There is created the Georgia Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program,
17 which shall be known as the 'Georgia TANF Program.' The purpose of such program is to
18 provide necessary assistance to needy families with children on a temporary basis and to
19 provide parents, legal custodians, legal guardians, or other caretaker relatives of children
20 with the necessary support services to enable such parents, legal custodians, legal
21 guardians, or caretaker relatives to become self-sufficient and leave the program as soon
22 as possible. After an initial assessment and once the state determines an applicant is ready
23 for work, applicants for assistance shall be required to engage in a work activity in
24 accordance with Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and the

25 state plan as soon as possible after making application for assistance, but in any event no
 26 later than 24 months after first receiving cash assistance."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-183, relating to administration of article
 29 by department, promulgation of rules and regulations by board, and duties of the department,
 30 by revising subparagraph (b)(10)(C) as follows:

31 "(C) The parent, legal custodian, or legal guardian furnishes an affidavit swearing or
 32 affirming that the immunization conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent, legal
 33 custodian, or legal guardian; or"

34 **SECTION 4.**

35 Said article is further amended in Code Section 49-4-184, relating to eligibility for assistance,
 36 by revising subparagraph (a)(7)(A) and subsection (b) as follows:

37 "(A) The applicant or recipient and the child or children live in a place of residence
 38 maintained by the applicant's or recipient's parent, legal custodian, legal guardian, or
 39 other adult relative of the applicant or recipient as such parent's, legal custodian's, legal
 40 guardian's, or other adult relative's own home; or"

41 "(b) Paragraphs (6) and (7) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply if the
 42 applicant or recipient has no parent, legal custodian, or legal guardian whose whereabouts
 43 are known, no parent, legal custodian, or legal guardian of the applicant or recipient allows
 44 the applicant or recipient to live in the home of that parent, legal custodian, or legal
 45 guardian, or the department otherwise determines that there is good cause not to apply the
 46 prohibitions contained in said paragraphs."

47 **SECTION 5.**

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