

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public
2 assistance, so as to provide for the submission of a waiver request by the Department of
3 Human Services to permit the recipients of certain public assistance benefits to use such
4 benefits for the purpose of purchasing diapers or menstrual hygiene products if the United
5 States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service makes such waiver available
6 to states; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance,
10 is amended in Article 1, relating to general provisions, by adding a new Code section to read
11 as follows:

12 "49-4-23.

13 If the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service creates and
14 makes available to the states a waiver permitting recipients of benefits provided under the
15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
16 for Women, Infants, and Children to use their benefits to purchase diapers or menstrual

17 hygiene products such as tampons, sanitary napkins, and feminine wipes, then the
18 Department of Human Services shall apply for such waiver. If the United States
19 Department of Agriculture approves such waiver application, then the Department of
20 Human Services shall adopt rules and make other changes as necessary to implement the
21 approved waiver."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.