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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person is not eligible  
9 to receive temporary cash payments under the  
10 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program if  
11 he or she has been convicted of a drug-related  
12 felony.

13 This bill would require applicants for  
14 temporary cash payments under the Temporary  
15 Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) to  
16 disclose any felony conviction under penalty of  
17 perjury.

18 This bill would provide that a person is not  
19 eligible to receive temporary cash payments under  
20 TANF if he or she has been convicted of any felony.

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22 A BILL  
23 TO BE ENTITLED  
24 AN ACT

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26 Relating to public assistance, to require the  
27 Department of Human Resources to require applicants for

1 temporary cash payments under the Temporary Assistance for  
2 Needy Families Program to disclose any felony conviction; and  
3 to provide that applicants convicted of any felony are  
4 ineligible to receive temporary cash payments.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) The Department of Human Resources  
7 shall require each applicant for temporary cash payments under  
8 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program to  
9 disclose, under penalty of perjury, on an application for  
10 temporary cash payments, any of the following:

11 (1) A conviction of a felony in this state.

12 (2) A conviction of a crime in another jurisdiction,  
13 the elements of which would constitute a felony in this state.

14 (3) A conviction of a crime committed against the  
15 United States that is designated a felony.

16 (b) (1) A person convicted of any felony delineated  
17 in subsection (a) for conduct occurring on or after August 22,  
18 1996, is not eligible to receive temporary cash payments under  
19 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

20 (2) Subdivision (1) shall apply to all new  
21 applicants for benefits on or after the effective date of this  
22 act and current recipients of TANF benefits seeking renewal on  
23 or after the effective date of this act.

24 (c) The amount of benefits otherwise required to be  
25 provided under TANF to the family members of an ineligible  
26 person under subsection (b) shall be reduced by the amount  
27 which would have otherwise been made available to the person.

1                   (d) The commissioner of the department shall adopt  
2 rules to provide for the implementation of this act.

3                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
4 first day of the third month following its passage and  
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.