

House Bill 1087

By: Representative Morris of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to public assistance generally, so as to require legislative notification prior to any
3 request for a state plan amendment for an increase in eligibility or benefits above the
4 minimum requirements for temporary assistance for needy families or the supplemental
5 nutrition assistance program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

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

11 "49-4-22.

12 (a) On and after July 1, 2016, neither the department, the board, nor any other
13 representative of this state shall submit any state plan amendment for approval to the
14 federal government for any increase in eligibility or benefits provided above the federally
15 required minimum levels of participation for eligibility and benefits under the temporary
16 assistance for needy families (TANF) program or the supplemental nutrition assistance
17 program (SNAP) without legislative notification. The legislative notification required
18 under this subsection shall be by general Act of the General Assembly or the adoption of
19 a joint resolution of the General Assembly.

20 (b) In the event that, as of June 30, 2016, any eligibility or benefits provided in this state
21 pursuant to the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program or the
22 supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) exceed the federally required minimum
23 levels of participation, unless specifically authorized or required by state law in effect on
24 such date, the appropriate state agency shall submit a state plan amendment no later than
25 July 31, 2016, to the appropriate federal agency to reduce such eligibility or benefits levels
26 to the federally required minimum levels of participation."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.