

House Bill 163

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health  
3 to submit a state plan amendment to implement express lane enrollment in Medicaid; to  
4 direct the Department of Human Services to automatically enroll and renew eligible children  
5 in Medicaid, based on application data received for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
6 Program; 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 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "49-4-159.1.

12 (a) No later than June 30, 2022, the department shall submit a state plan amendment to the  
13 federal Department of Health and Human Services to implement express lane enrollment  
14 in accordance with section 1902(e)(13) of the federal Social Security Act to determine  
15 whether a child meets one or more of the eligibility criteria for medical assistance. Such  
16 state plan amendment shall include, but not be limited to, reliance on a finding made by the

17 Department of Human Services in determining eligibility of applicants for the federal  
18 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

19 (b) Upon approval of a state plan amendment, the Department of Human Services shall  
20 employ express lane enrollment by evaluating data received from applicants for the federal  
21 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to determine eligibility for Medicaid and to  
22 provide for automatic enrollment and renewal of eligible children in Medicaid."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.