

House Bill 1638

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

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 general assistance
3 to qualified individuals; to provide for conditions, procedures, and limitations; to provide for
4 rules and regulations; to provide for administration; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 temporary assistance for needy families, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "49-4-194.

12 (a) A person is eligible for general assistance who is financially needy, as determined in
13 accordance with regulations promulgated under this Code section, does not qualify for
14 federal supplemental security income payments, and:

15 (1) Resides in a family which does not qualify for assistance under Article 8 of this title;

16 (2) Is an adult who does not reside with a dependent child; or

17 (3) Is under the age of 18, not living with his or her child, and has no adult relatives with
18 whom to reside.

19 (b) A person shall not be eligible for general assistance who has made a voluntary
20 assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of qualifying for such aid. A transfer of
21 property made within one year of the date of application shall be presumed to have been
22 made for the purpose of qualifying for such assistance.

23 (c) This Code section shall be administered by the department. The department shall issue
24 such rules and regulations as may be necessary to administer this article, provided that such
25 state plan is administered within the appropriations made available to the department. Such
26 rules and regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, providing:

27 (1) Methods of administration necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the
28 state plan for implementation of this Code section;

29 (2) Reasonable standards for determining eligibility and the extent of assistance available
30 for recipients; and

31 (3) Consideration of the income and resources of an applicant for assistance in
32 determining eligibility.

33 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this Code section, the department shall not issue
34 rules and regulations establishing requirements for work activity, drug testing, or personal
35 responsibility."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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