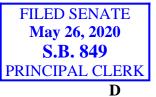
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019



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SENATE BILL DRS15532-LUa-183

Short Title:	No Ban on FNS Benefits/Felony Drug Conviction.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Peterson (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
2	AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD AND NUTRITION		
3	SERVICES BENEFITS INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF DRUG-RELATED FELONIES.		
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
5	SECTION 1. G.S. 108A-25.2 reads as rewritten:		
6	"§ 108A-25.2. Exemption from limitations for Work First Program for individuals		
7	convicted of certain drug-related felonies.felonies; exemption from federal law		
8	for food and nutrition services program.		
9	(a) Individuals convicted of Class H or I controlled substance felony offenses in this State		
10	shall be eligible to participate in the Work First Program and the food and nutrition services		
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12	(1) Six months after release from custody if no additional controlled substance		
13	felony offense is committed during that period and successful completion of		
14	or continuous active participation in a required substance abuse treatment		
15	program determined appropriate by the area mental health authority; or		
16	(2) If not committed to custody, six months after the date of conviction if no		
17	additional controlled substance felony offense is committed during that period		
18	and successful completion of or continuous active participation in a required		
19	substance abuse treatment program determined appropriate by the area mental		
20	health authority.		
21	A county department of social services shall require individuals who are eligible for Work		
22	First Program assistance and electronic food and nutrition benefits pursuant to this section to		
23	undergo substance abuse treatment as a condition for receiving Work First Program or electronic		
24	food and nutrition benefits, if funds and programs are available and to the extent allowed by		
25	federal law.		
26	(b) Pursuant to the option granted to states under 21 U.S.C. § 862a(d)(1), individuals		
27	convicted under federal or State law of any controlled substance felony offenses are eligible to		
28	participate in the food and nutrition services program."		
29	SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of		
30	Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, the sum of one hundred thousand		
31	dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to notify the public of the		
32	changes implemented under this act.		
33	SECTION 3. This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.		

