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3 By Senators Coleman, Singleton, Sanders, Figures and Dunn
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing federal law in 21 U.S.C.
9 §862a., a person convicted under federal or state
10 law of any offense classified as a felony which has
11 as an element the possession, use, or sale of a
12 controlled substance is not eligible for benefits
13 under the federal temporary assistance for needy
14 families or under the federal supplemental
15 nutrition assistance program. The federal law
16 provides that a state, by specific reference in a
17 law, may exempt any or all individuals domiciled in
18 the state from the federal law or limit the time
19 period which the federal law applies to any or all
20 individuals domiciled in the state.

21 This bill would provide that any person
22 convicted of a drug related felony would be
23 eligible for assistance under the federal temporary
24 assistance for needy families program and the
25 federal supplemental nutrition assistance program
26 upon the completion of his or her sentence or if
27 the person is satisfactorily serving a sentence of

1 a period of probation, including if the person has
2 completed mandatory participation in a drug
3 treatment program.

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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

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9 Relating to eligibility for assistance under the
10 federal temporary assistance for needy families program and
11 the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program for
12 persons convicted of a drug related felony; to provide
13 eligibility under certain conditions.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. Pursuant to subsection (d) of 21 U.S.C.
16 §862a., a person convicted of a drug related felony who is
17 otherwise ineligible for aid under the temporary assistance
18 for needy families program and the federal supplemental
19 nutrition assistance program shall be eligible for the aid
20 upon completion of his or her sentence or if the person is
21 satisfactorily serving a sentence of a period of probation,
22 including if the person has completed mandatory participation
23 in a drug treatment program, provided the person meets all
24 other requirements for eligibility under the programs.

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

