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### HOUSE BILL NO. 420

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.2-607.1, relating to TANF eligibility; drug-related felonies.*

Patrons—Watts, Brink, Keam, Kory, Plum, Scott, J.M., Sickles and Surovell; Senators: Barker, Favola and Petersen

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

#### **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.2-607.1 as follows:**

*§ 63.2-607.1. Eligibility for TANF; drug-related felonies.*

*A person who is otherwise eligible to receive TANF assistance shall be exempt from the application of § 115(a)(1) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, and shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-250, provided such person complies with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court and the Department; is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program; and participates in periodic drug screenings.*

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