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SENATE DRS85036-LU-13A (01/24)

Short Title: Eligibility Requirements/Public Assistance. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Rouzer.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO UNDERGO DRUG
3 TESTING BEFORE THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is
6 amended by adding the following section to read:

7 "**§ 108A-26.1. Eligibility for assistance.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to be eligible for program assistance under this
9 Article, an applicant shall undergo a substance abuse screening as administered by the county
10 department of social services in the county in which the applicant resides, or, in the case of
11 residents of Electing Counties, administered by the public or private entity designated by the
12 board of county commissioners. If the applicant fails to pass the substance abuse screening, the
13 applicant shall be required to undergo substance abuse treatment. The Social Services
14 Commission (Commission) shall adopt rules that establish requirements and policies for (i)
15 substance abuse screenings of applicants, (ii) substance abuse treatment, when applicable, (iii)
16 subsequent screenings of recipients after becoming eligible for public assistance, and (iv) any
17 other requirements or policies the Commission deems relevant."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

