

House Bill 80

By: Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Fleming of the 121st, Morris of the 156th, and Welch of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions for public assistance, so as to enact the "Child Support
3 Cooperation Act of 2019"; to provide for legislative intent; to require individuals to
4 cooperate with the child support enforcement program as a condition of eligibility for food
5 stamps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions for public assistance, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "49-4-23.

12 (a) This Code section shall be known and may be cited as the 'Child Support Cooperation
13 Act of 2019.'

14 (b) The purpose of this Code section is to reduce child poverty and dependency by
15 ensuring parents cooperate with state efforts to collect child support for their children, as
16 authorized by federal law.

17 (c) The department shall require individuals to cooperate with the child support
18 enforcement program as a condition of eligibility for the federal Supplemental Nutrition
19 Assistance Program pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Sec. 273.11(o) and 7 C.F.R. Sec. 273.11(p)."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.