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H. F. No. 2402

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying child care assistance; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2014, sections 119B.011, subdivisions 20, 20a; 119B.10, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.011, subdivision 20, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 20. **Transition year families.** "Transition year families" means families who  
1.8 have received MFIP assistance, or who were eligible to receive MFIP assistance after  
1.9 choosing to discontinue receipt of the cash portion of MFIP assistance under section  
1.10 256J.31, subdivision 12, or families who have received DWP assistance under section  
1.11 256J.95 for at least three of the last six months before losing eligibility for MFIP or DWP.  
1.12 Transition year child care may be used to support employment, registered apprenticeship  
1.13 programs as defined in section 178.011, subdivision 4, or job search. Transition year child  
1.14 care is not available to families who have been disqualified from MFIP or DWP due  
1.15 to fraud.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.011, subdivision 20a, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 20a. **Transition year extension families.** "Transition year extension  
1.18 families" means families who have completed their transition year of child care assistance  
1.19 under this subdivision and who are eligible for, but on a waiting list for, services under  
1.20 section 119B.03. For purposes of sections 119B.03, subdivision 3, and 119B.05,  
1.21 subdivision 1, clause (2), families participating in extended transition year shall not be  
1.22 considered transition year families. Transition year extension child care may be used to  
1.23 support employment, registered apprenticeship programs as defined in section 178.011,

2.1 subdivision 4, or a job search that meets the requirements of section 119B.10 for the  
2.2 length of time necessary for families to be moved from the basic sliding fee waiting list  
2.3 into the basic sliding fee program.

2.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.5 Subdivision 1. **Assistance for persons seeking and retaining employment.** (a)  
2.6 Persons who are seeking employment and who are eligible for assistance under this  
2.7 section are eligible to receive up to 240 hours of child care assistance per calendar year.

2.8 (b) Employed persons who work at least an average of 20 hours and full-time students  
2.9 who work at least an average of ten hours a week and receive at least a minimum wage  
2.10 for all hours worked are eligible for continued child care assistance for employment. For  
2.11 purposes of this section, work-study programs must be counted as employment. Child care  
2.12 assistance during employment must be authorized as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d).

2.13 (c) When the person works for an hourly wage and the hourly wage is equal to or  
2.14 greater than the applicable minimum wage, child care assistance shall be provided for the  
2.15 actual hours of employment, break, and mealtime during the employment and travel time  
2.16 up to two hours per day.

2.17 (d) When the person does not work for an hourly wage, child care assistance must be  
2.18 provided for the lesser of:

2.19 (1) the amount of child care determined by dividing gross earned income by the  
2.20 applicable minimum wage, up to one hour every eight hours for meals and break time,  
2.21 plus up to two hours per day for travel time; or

2.22 (2) the amount of child care equal to the actual amount of child care used during  
2.23 employment, including break and mealtime during employment, and travel time up to  
2.24 two hours per day.

2.25 (e) Persons who are eligible for assistance under this section may participate in a  
2.26 registered apprenticeship program as defined in section 178.011, subdivision 4. Child care  
2.27 assistance shall be provided for the actual hours of the apprenticeship, break, mealtime  
2.28 during the apprenticeship, and travel time up to two hours per day. The commissioner  
2.29 shall consult with the commissioner of labor and industry to confirm the person is actively  
2.30 participating in a registered apprenticeship program during the period of time for which  
2.31 assistance is received.