

contains provisions for such reimbursement to the fund of such contributions and the actual earnings thereon ~~as the commissioner finds will be fair and reasonable as to all affected interests.~~

Approved June 7, 1971.

CHAPTER 943—S.F.No.988

[Coded].

An act relating to public welfare; providing emergency assistance and services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 256, by adding a section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 256, is amended by adding a section to read:

[256.871] PUBLIC WELFARE; EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE 21.
Subdivision 1. COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY; DUTIES. The county welfare agency shall grant emergency financial assistance and services to any needy family with a child under the age of 21 years who is or was within six months prior to application living with an eligible relative specified in section 256.12, subdivision 14.

Subd. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. Notwithstanding any other eligibility provision of this chapter, any child without resources immediately available to meet emergency needs shall be furnished assistance for a period not in excess of 30 days during any 12-month period. Assistance shall be furnished under the following conditions:

(a) The child is without resources immediately available to meet emergency needs.

(b) Assistance is necessary to avoid destitution or provide emergency shelter arrangements.

(c) The child's destitution or need for living arrangements did not arise because he or the relative refused without good cause to accept employment or training for employment.

(d) Assistance shall be in the form of money payments, vendor payments, payments in kind or interest free loans for tools, equipment or expenses required for return to employment. Such loans

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shall not exceed \$100 and shall be considered only when other private or public resources are not immediately available.

Subd. 3. COUNTY OF RESPONSIBILITY. No state or county durational residence is required to qualify for such assistance. The county which shall grant assistance shall be the county wherein the child resides who is found to be in emergency need. Such county may obtain reimbursement from another county wherein the child has residence as provided in section 256.73.

Subd. 4. EMERGENCY DEFINED. Emergencies which create the need for such assistance include natural disasters such as floods, fires, or storms; civil disorders, strikes, illness, accident, death, eviction from shelter, migrant families in necessitous circumstances, or other crises, as defined by the commissioner, in accordance with directives of the United States secretary of health, education, and welfare.

Subd. 5. COUNTY WELFARE AUTHORITY. The county welfare board shall designate a person or persons who shall be authorized to immediately grant emergency assistance pursuant to this section.

Subd. 6. The county agency shall submit to the state agency an estimate of expenditures for each succeeding month in such form as required by the state agency. Payment shall be made monthly in advance by the state agency to the counties, of federal funds available for that purpose for each succeeding month, together with an amount of state funds equal to ten percent of the difference between the total estimated cost and the federal funds so available. Adjustment of any overestimate or underestimate made by any county shall be made upon the direction of the state agency in any succeeding month.

Subd. 7. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER. The commissioner is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 15, to promulgate regulations not inconsistent with this section as necessary to qualify for maximum federal funds.

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CHAPTER 944—H.F.No.371

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An act relating to taxation; permitting credits against the state income tax for education costs for pupils in nonpublic elementary and

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