

Subd. 3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADMINISTER SECTION.** The provisions of this section shall be administered by the executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 4. If the state board of investment so elects, it may solicit bids for options under subdivision 2, clauses (b) and (c). All contracts must be approved prior to execution by the state board of investment. All contracts shall provide that all options in subdivision 2 shall be presented in an unbiased manner, shall be presented in a manner so as to conform to applicable rules promulgated by the executive director, shall be reported on a periodic basis to all employees participating in the deferred compensation program, and shall not be the subject of unreasonable solicitation of state employees to participate in the program. The contract may not call for any person to jeopardize the tax-deferred status of moneys invested by state employees pursuant to this section. All costs or fees in relation to the options provided under subdivision 2, clause (c), shall be paid by the underwriting companies ultimately selected by the state board of investment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 352.96, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH RULES.** The executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system shall establish rules, ~~regulations,~~ and procedures to carry out the provisions of this section including allocation of administrative costs against the assets accumulated under this section. Funds to pay such costs are hereby appropriated from the fund or account in which the assets accumulated under this section are placed. Rules adopted after July 1, 1977, relating to the options provided under subdivision 2, clauses (b) and (c), must be approved by the state board of investment. A state employee shall not be permitted to make payments under a plan until the plan or applicable component thereof has been approved as to its tax-deferred status by the internal revenue service.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective on the first day of the first payroll period after July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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CHAPTER 301—H.F.No.1498

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to public welfare; mandating the working of certain general assistance recipients; allowing the use of general assistance funds for the work equity program; empowering the commissioner of public welfare to contract for recipient services and grant distribution; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 256D.02, by adding subdivisions; 256D.04; 256D.06, by adding a subdivision; and 256D.11, Subdivisions 1 and 4, and by adding subdivisions.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.02, is amended by adding a  
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subdivision to read:

**Subd. 13. PUBLIC WELFARE; WORK EQUITY.** “Suitable employment” means an appropriate income producing job including, but not limited to, all public subsidized jobs procured through the work equity program.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 256D.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

**Subd. 14. “Work equity program” means the demonstrational training and employment project administered by the governor’s manpower office.**

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.04, is amended to read:

**256D.04 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.** In addition to any other duties imposed by law, the commissioner shall:

(1) Supervise the administration of general assistance by local agencies as provided in Laws 1973, Chapter 650, Article 21;

(2) Promulgate uniform rules and regulations consistent with law for carrying out and enforcing the provisions of Laws 1973, Chapter 650, Article 21 to the end that general assistance may be administered as uniformly as possible throughout the state; rules and regulations shall be furnished immediately to all local agencies and other interested persons; in promulgating rules and regulations, the provisions of chapter 15, shall apply;

(3) Allocate moneys appropriated for general assistance to local agencies as provided in Laws 1973, Chapter 650, Article 21;

(4) Accept and supervise the disbursement of any funds that may be provided by the federal government or from other sources for use in this state for general assistance;

(5) Cooperate with other agencies including any agency of the United States or of another state in all matters concerning the powers and duties of the commissioner under Laws 1973, Chapter 650, Article 21;

(6) Cooperate to the fullest extent with other public agencies empowered by law to provide vocational training, rehabilitation, or similar services;

(7) Gather and study current information and report at least annually to the governor and legislature on the nature and need for general assistance, the amounts expended under the supervision of each local agency, and the activities of each local agency and publish such reports for the information of the public;

(8) Report at least annually to the governor and legislature the cost of living in the various counties and metropolitan areas as related to the standards of assistance and the amounts expended for assistance, and make this information available to the public; and

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(9) Issue emergency rules necessary to implement the work equity program and promulgate all rules pursuant to chapter 15 necessary to carry out the program so that its demonstrational project may be administered uniformly throughout participating counties. Rules shall be furnished immediately to all local agencies and other interested persons.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. The amount of general assistance established by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision 1 shall be granted for all persons participating under the work equity program. Income attributable to participation under this program shall not be used to terminate a recipient's general assistance status or the incidental benefits that flow therefrom. The grant of general assistance will be issued according to the terms of the contract agreed upon by the department of public welfare, the governor's manpower office and the United States department of labor.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.11, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

256D.11 **WORK INCENTIVE AND REGISTRATION.** Subdivision 1. Every person who is a recipient of general assistance ~~and~~, not employed, and not described in subdivision 1a, shall be required, unless exempt by subdivision 6, to register with the state employment service of the department of employment services and the local agency and accept any suitable employment that is offered him.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. Every person who is a recipient of general assistance in a county designated by the commissioner for participation in the work equity program and who is not employed shall be required, unless exempt by subdivision 6, to register for and participate in the work equity program.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. The governor's manpower office shall provide a work equity program for all persons who qualify for general assistance and are within the counties described in subdivision 1a. The governor's manpower office shall adopt a list of program priorities to be met through this program. The office may assign an eligible recipient such community project work as he is able to perform but which would not be otherwise performed and which would supplement but not replace projects which are ordinarily performed by regular employees of the county.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 3a. Participants in the work equity program shall be paid at the same wage rates as public employees doing similar work or at the prevailing minimum wage, whichever is greater, however, the number of hours a participant works in the work equity program shall not be limited by the grant standards of the general assistance program.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.11, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. The commissioner or a local agency may contract with the federal government, or with any department, agency, subdivision or instrumentality of the state, for the services of general assistance work program recipients on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, with or without consideration paid to the local agency. In a county where the work equity program is in operation, the commissioner shall have the sole authority to contract with the federal government and with any other state department, and no consideration shall be paid to the local agency, except for consideration attributable to additional administration expenses. The contract agreed upon by the commissioner shall provide for the necessary methods of funding work equity program jobs, which methods may include a transfer of state and local agency general assistance grant moneys directly to the governor's manpower office. The contract may provide that an intended recipient may receive a pay check equal to or greater than his designated amount of assistance instead of receiving his grant.

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CHAPTER 302—H.F.No.1518

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to Independent School District No. 272 (Eden Prairie) and Independent School District No. 271 (Bloomington); providing for the transfer of territory from Independent School District No. 272 to Independent School District No. 271.*

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

Section 1. **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS NOS. 272 AND 271; TRANSFER OF TERRITORY.** All that part of Independent School District No. 272 lying south of U. S. Interstate Highway No. 494 and east of County Road No. 18 and lying within the city of Bloomington is hereby detached from Independent School District No. 272, whose principal office is at Eden Prairie, and is annexed to Independent School District No. 271, whose principal office is at Bloomington.

Sec. 2. The property described in section 1 shall remain subject to taxation for all bonded indebtedness of Independent School District No. 272 outstanding on the effective date of this act, and shall not become subject to taxation for any bonded indebtedness of Independent School District No. 271 outstanding on the effective date of this act. However, such property shall not be subject to taxation for payment of principal or interest on state loans granted or to be granted to Independent School District No. 272.

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