

**CHAPTER 128—S.F.No. 2160**

*An act relating to claims against the state; providing for settlement of various claims; increasing amount of allowable reimbursement for certain damage by inmates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3.755.*

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

**Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of corrections in fiscal year 2006 as full and final payment of accrued medical bills under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.739, of claims against the state for injuries suffered by and medical services provided to persons injured while performing community service or sentence-to-service work for correctional purposes or while incarcerated in a correctional facility and for reimbursement to a corrections officer for property damaged by an inmate:

- (1) for claims already paid by the department, \$4,938.44;
- (2) for payment to James DeNoyer for permanent injuries suffered while performing work at MCF-Lino Lakes, \$8,000;
- (3) for payment to Brian Dziubak for permanent injuries suffered while performing work at MCF-Stillwater, \$1,875;
- (4) for payment of medical costs related to the injury suffered by Donna Gregory while performing sentence-to-service work in Martin County, \$3,509;
- (5) for payment of medical costs related to the injury suffered by Brenden Larsen while performing sentence-to-service work in Dakota County, to the extent those costs are not reimbursed by insurance, \$7,083.29;
- (6) for payment of medical costs related to the injury suffered by Diane Pierre while performing sentence-to-service work in Beltrami County, \$6,619.96;
- (7) for payment to Stephen Schweiss for permanent injuries suffered while performing sentence-to-service work in Lyon County, \$3,750; and for payment of medical costs related to that injury; \$4,602.23;
- (8) for payment of medical costs related to the injury suffered by Merlin Volker while performing community work service in Itasca County, \$4,343.10; and
- (9) for payment to David Gustafson as reimbursement for property damaged by an inmate, \$421.21.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3.755, is amended to read:

**3.755 DAMAGE BY ESCAPING INMATES.**

The Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services shall pay all claims involving property damage, not covered by insurance, resulting from actions of escaping inmates or runaway patients occurring while making their escape. The departments must verify the reasonableness of the amounts claimed. Upon the approval

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of the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of corrections as to the institutions under their respective control, the superintendent or chief executive officer of an institution may pay out of the current expense appropriation of the institution to an employee of the institution the amount of any property damage sustained by the employee, not in excess of \$250 \$500, because of action of a patient or inmate of the institution.

Presented to the governor May 31, 2005

Signed by the governor June 3, 2005, 11:15 a.m.

## CHAPTER 129—H.F.No. 2192

*An act relating to adoption; providing for data collection and best practice guidelines for conducting postadoption services; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 259.*

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

### Section 1. [259.88] DATA AND BEST PRACTICES.

Subdivision 1. **REQUIRED DATA FOR POSTADOPTION SEARCH SERVICES.** (a) The commissioner of human services must collect data from all adoption agencies for six months in order to establish benchmarks to evaluate postadoption search services. The data must include:

- (1) the percentage of requests resulting in successful location of the other party;
- (2) the percentage of requests resulting in successful completion of the commissioner's designated form for family medical and social history;
- (3) the time from request for search to completion of search; and
- (4) the number and type of efforts used to complete the search.

(b) Agencies must provide the number of search requests received during the six-month period prior to the effective date of this section to the commissioner of human services.

(c) The data must be used to establish reasonable efforts in developing the best practices under subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **BEST PRACTICES.** The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of health, must develop best practice guidelines for conducting postadoption services.

### Sec. 2. **REPORT.**

The commissioner must report to the legislature by February 1, 2006. The report must include an assessment of the data gathered under section 1, subdivision 1, and the

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