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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2726**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying county fees for licensing inspections;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 245A.10, subdivision 2.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 245A.10, subdivision 2, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **County fees for background studies and licensing inspections.** (a) For  
1.8 purposes of family and group family child care licensing under this chapter, a county  
1.9 agency may charge a fee to an applicant or license holder to recover the actual cost of  
1.10 background studies, but in any case not to exceed \$100 annually. A county agency may  
1.11 also charge a ~~license~~ fee to an applicant or license holder ~~not to exceed \$50 for a one-year~~  
1.12 ~~license or \$100 for a two-year license~~ to recover the actual cost of licensing inspections,  
1.13 but in any case not to exceed \$150 annually.

1.14 (b) A county agency may charge a fee to a legal nonlicensed child care provider or  
1.15 applicant for authorization to recover the actual cost of background studies completed  
1.16 under section 119B.125, but in any case not to exceed \$100 annually.

1.17 (c) Counties may elect to reduce or waive the fees in paragraph (a) or (b):

1.18 (1) in cases of financial hardship;

1.19 (2) if the county has a shortage of providers in the county's area;

1.20 (3) for new providers; or

1.21 (4) for providers who have attained at least 16 hours of training before seeking  
1.22 initial licensure.

1.23 (d) Counties may allow providers to pay the applicant fees in paragraph (a) or (b) on  
1.24 an installment basis for up to one year. If the provider is receiving child care assistance

2.1 payments from the state, the provider may have the fees under paragraph (a) or (b)  
2.2 deducted from the child care assistance payments for up to one year and the state shall  
2.3 reimburse the county for the county fees collected in this manner.

2.4 (e) For purposes of adult foster care and child foster care licensing under this  
2.5 chapter, a county agency may charge a fee to a corporate applicant or corporate license  
2.6 holder to recover the actual cost of licensing inspections, not to exceed \$500 annually.

2.7 (f) Counties may elect to reduce or waive the fees in paragraph (e) under the  
2.8 following circumstances:

2.9 (1) in cases of financial hardship;

2.10 (2) if the county has a shortage of providers in the county's area; or

2.11 (3) for new providers.