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H. F. No. 2191

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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 the Minnesota family investment program;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 256J.35; Laws 2013,
1.4 chapter 108, article 3, section 48.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 256J.35, is amended to read:

1.7 **256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

1.8 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to (d), the amount of an assistance payment is
1.9 equal to the difference between the MFIP standard of need or the Minnesota family wage
1.10 level in section 256J.24 and countable income.

1.11 (a) Beginning July 1, ~~2015~~ 2014, MFIP assistance units are eligible for an MFIP
1.12 housing assistance grant of \$110 per month, unless:

1.13 (1) the housing assistance unit is currently receiving public and assisted rental
1.14 subsidies provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
1.15 and is subject to section 256J.37, subdivision 3a; or

1.16 (2) the assistance unit is a child-only case under section 256J.88.

1.17 (b) When MFIP eligibility exists for the month of application, the amount of the
1.18 assistance payment for the month of application must be prorated from the date of
1.19 application or the date all other eligibility factors are met for that applicant, whichever is
1.20 later. This provision applies when an applicant loses at least one day of MFIP eligibility.

1.21 (c) MFIP overpayments to an assistance unit must be recouped according to section
1.22 256J.38, subdivision 4.

1.23 (d) An initial assistance payment must not be made to an applicant who is not
1.24 eligible on the date payment is made.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

2.2 Sec. 2. Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 3, section 48, is amended to read:

2.3 Sec. 48. **REPEALER.**

2.4 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 256J.24, subdivision 6, is repealed January
2.5 1, ~~2015~~ 2014.

2.6 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.093, is repealed effective the day following
2.7 final enactment.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2014.

2.9 Sec. 3. **SPECIFIC USE OF TANF FUNDS.**

2.10 Beginning in fiscal year 2015, the entirety of the federal TANF block grant must
2.11 be used for MFIP participants, and specifically to provide an MFIP assistance payment
2.12 increase. All other activities currently funded using TANF funds, including but not limited
2.13 to the working family credit, Department of Health programs, child care for non-MFIP
2.14 families, social services block grants, and consolidated support services grants, must be
2.15 paid with general fund dollars beginning in fiscal year 2015.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.