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H. F. No. 3197

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying the MFIP program to require an assessment  
1.3 of need for parenting skills training; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections  
1.4 256J.09, subdivision 3b; 256J.15, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.09, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3b. **Interview to determine referrals and services.** If the applicant is not diverted  
1.8 from applying for MFIP, and if the applicant meets the MFIP eligibility requirements, then  
1.9 a county agency must:

1.10 (1) identify an applicant who is under the age of 20 without a high school diploma or  
1.11 its equivalent and explain to the applicant the assessment procedures and employment plan  
1.12 requirements under section 256J.54;

1.13 (2) explain to the applicant the eligibility criteria in section 256J.545 for the family  
1.14 violence waiver, and what an applicant should do to develop an employment plan;

1.15 (3) explain that the activities and hourly requirements of the employment plan may be  
1.16 adjusted to accommodate the personal and family circumstances of applicants who meet  
1.17 the criteria in section 256J.561, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), explain how a person should  
1.18 report to the county agency any status changes, and explain that an applicant who is not  
1.19 required to participate in employment services under section 256J.561 may volunteer to  
1.20 participate in employment and training services;

1.21 (4) conduct an assessment to determine the need for parenting skills training classes;

2.1 (5) for applicants who are not exempt from the requirement to attend orientation, arrange  
2.2 for an orientation under section 256J.45 and an assessment under section 256J.521;

2.3 ~~(5)~~ (6) inform an applicant who is not exempt from the requirement to attend orientation  
2.4 that failure to attend the orientation is considered an occurrence of noncompliance with  
2.5 program requirements and will result in an imposition of a sanction under section 256J.46;  
2.6 and

2.7 ~~(6)~~ (7) explain how to contact the county agency if an applicant has questions about  
2.8 compliance with program requirements.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.10 read:

2.11 Subd. 3. **Parenting skills training.** (a) The commissioner shall provide counties with:  
2.12 (1) guidance on assessing the need for parenting skills training classes; and (2) a listing of  
2.13 parenting skills training providers that is updated at least annually.

2.14 (b) Each caregiver must attend appropriate parenting skills training classes, as determined  
2.15 by an assessment of need.