

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **713**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy  
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Read for the Second Time  
05/17/2021 Pursuant to Rule 4.20, returned to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; permitting county agencies to obtain information by
- 1.3 phone or written communication to complete MFIP household report forms;
- 1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.30, subdivision 8.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.30, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 8. **Late MFIP household report forms.** (a) Paragraphs (b) to (e) apply to the
- 1.8 reporting requirements in subdivision 7.
- 1.9 (b) When the county agency receives an incomplete MFIP household report form, the
- 1.10 county agency must immediately ~~return the incomplete form and clearly state what the~~
- 1.11 ~~caregiver must do for the form to be complete~~ contact the caregiver by phone or in writing
- 1.12 to acquire the necessary information to complete the form.
- 1.13 (c) The automated eligibility system must send a notice of proposed termination of
- 1.14 assistance to the assistance unit if a complete MFIP household report form is not received
- 1.15 by a county agency. The automated notice must be mailed to the caregiver by approximately
- 1.16 the 16th of the month. When a caregiver submits an incomplete form on or after the date a
- 1.17 notice of proposed termination has been sent, the termination is valid unless the caregiver
- 1.18 submits a complete form before the end of the month.
- 1.19 (d) An assistance unit required to submit an MFIP household report form is considered
- 1.20 to have continued its application for assistance if a complete MFIP household report form
- 1.21 is received within a calendar month after the month in which the form was due and assistance
- 1.22 shall be paid for the period beginning with the first day of that calendar month.

2.1 (e) A county agency must allow good cause exemptions from the reporting requirements  
2.2 under subdivision 5 when any of the following factors cause a caregiver to fail to provide  
2.3 the county agency with a completed MFIP household report form before the end of the  
2.4 month in which the form is due:

2.5 (1) an employer delays completion of employment verification;

2.6 (2) a county agency does not help a caregiver complete the MFIP household report form  
2.7 when the caregiver asks for help;

2.8 (3) a caregiver does not receive an MFIP household report form due to mistake on the  
2.9 part of the department or the county agency or due to a reported change in address;

2.10 (4) a caregiver is ill, or physically or mentally incapacitated; or

2.11 (5) some other circumstance occurs that a caregiver could not avoid with reasonable  
2.12 care which prevents the caregiver from providing a completed MFIP household report form  
2.13 before the end of the month in which the form is due.