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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; extending the expiration date of an income and asset
1.3 exclusion for certain public assistance program eligibility as part of the income
1.4 and child development in the first three years of life demonstration project;
1.5 amending Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 15, section 29.

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 15, section 29, is amended to read:

1.8 **Sec. 29. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONERS; INCOME AND ASSET EXCLUSION.**

1.9 (a) The commissioner of human services shall not count payments made to families by
1.10 the income and child development in the first three years of life demonstration project as
1.11 income or assets for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for child care
1.12 assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; the Minnesota family
1.13 investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary work program under Minnesota
1.14 Statutes, chapter 256J, during the duration of the demonstration.

1.15 (b) The commissioner of human services shall not count payments made to families by
1.16 the income and child development in the first three years of life demonstration project as
1.17 income for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for medical assistance under
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B, and MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.19 256L.

1.20 (c) For the purposes of this section, "income and child development in the first three
1.21 years of life demonstration project" means a demonstration project funded by the United
1.22 States Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health to evaluate

2.1 whether the unconditional cash payments have a causal effect on the cognitive,
2.2 socioemotional, and brain development of infants and toddlers.

2.3 (d) This section shall only be implemented if Minnesota is chosen as a site for the child
2.4 development in the first three years of life demonstration project, and expires January 1,
2.5 ~~2022~~ 2026.

2.6 (e) The commissioner of human services shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking
2.7 minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over human services
2.8 issues by January 1, ~~2023~~ 2027, informing the legislature on the progress and outcomes of
2.9 the demonstration under this section.