

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 518.551, is amended to read:

518.551 ALIMONY AND SUPPORT PAYMENTS MADE TO WELFARE AGENCIES. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any court having jurisdiction over proceedings for dissolution shall direct that all payments ordered for alimony and support shall be made to the agency responsible for the welfare payments, when it appears that the party who is to receive the alimony and support payments will receive public assistance. Amounts so received by the board over and above the amount granted to the party receiving public assistance shall be remitted to that party.

The agency responsible for the welfare payments shall be notified by the petitioner of all proceedings for dissolution, separate maintenance or for the custody of a child if either party is receiving aid to families of dependent children or applies for such aid subsequent to the commencement of such proceeding. ~~Failure of such notification shall not affect the validity of the proceeding for dissolution, separate maintenance, or custody of the child. After receipt of the notice, the county welfare board or the commissioner of public welfare shall recommend to the court the sum of money, or its equivalent, that is proper and adequate for the care and support of the child or children before the issuance of the order for judgment and decree in the proceeding.~~

If the court finds in a dissolution proceeding before issuing the order for judgment and decree that notification has not been given to the agency responsible for the welfare payments, the court shall order that notification be made and shall not issue its order for judgment and decree until the agency has made its recommendations. In those proceedings in which no notification has been made pursuant to this section and the agency determines that the judgment is not proper and adequate for the care and support of the child or children, it may petition the court for a redetermination of the support payments ordered.

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CHAPTER 283—H.F.No.917

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An act relating to public welfare; appropriating money for the Vinland National Center.

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

Section 1. **PUBLIC WELFARE; VINLAND NATIONAL CENTER.** Subdivision 1. Vinland National Center shall be established in Minnesota to serve as a health resource, education and training center. The primary focus of the activities of the center shall be in the areas of health education, health promotion, and health recreation. The center shall serve health service providers, handicapped persons and other health service consumers.

Subd. 2. The plans for the Vinland National Center shall be submitted to the chairman of the house appropriations committee and the chairman of the senate finance

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committee for review and comment prior to the making of any binding commitment for the construction of any facility and prior to the making of any final decision on the plan of operation of the center.

Subd. 3. No money shall be expended for construction of the Vinland National Center until a certificate of need has been obtained pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 145.72 to 145.83.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public welfare up to \$200,000 for the purposes of section 1. These funds shall be available to the commissioner of public welfare until expended.

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CHAPTER 284—H.F.No.921

An act relating to public employees; designating the number of arbitrators to resolve labor dispute; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.72, Subdivision 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 179.72, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; LABOR DISPUTES; ARBITRATORS.** When final positions are certified to the board as provided in section 179.69, subdivision 3, or submitted to the board as provided in section 179.69, subdivision 5, the board shall constitute an arbitration panel as follows:

The parties shall, under the direction of the chairman of the board, alternately strike names from a list of seven arbitrators until only three names remain, which three members shall be members of the panel; provided, however, that by mutual agreement if either party requests the parties may shall select a single arbitrator to hear the dispute. If the parties are unable to agree on who shall strike the first name, the question shall be decided by the flip of a coin. In submitting names of arbitrators to the parties the board shall endeavor whenever possible to include names of persons from the general geographical area in which the public employer is located. The panel shall assume and have jurisdiction over the items of dispute certified to the board for which the panel was constituted. The panel's orders shall be issued upon a majority vote of members considering a given dispute. The members of the panel shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties plus a per diem allowance of ~~\$400~~ \$180 for each day or part thereof while engaged in the consideration of a dispute. All fees, expenses and costs of the panel shall be shared and assessed equally to the parties to the dispute. In those cases where a single arbitrator is hearing a dispute, the fees, expenses and costs of the arbitrator shall also be shared and assessed equally by the parties to the dispute.

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