

for old age assistance recipients; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 256.15, by adding a subdivision.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 256.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. Welfare; old age assistance; disregard of earned income. In determining need and in fixing the amount of assistance, there shall be taken into consideration all income and resources of the applicant or recipient, however, of the first \$80 per month of income which is earned the county agency shall disregard not more than the first \$20 thereof plus one-half of the remainder, as well as expenses reasonably attributable to the earning of any such income.

Approved June 3, 1969.

CHAPTER 909—S. F. No. 1362

[Coded]

An act relating to the reimbursement of political subdivisions of the state for the costs of relief and related services provided to persons of Indian blood.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [245.76] **Indian relief; reimbursement of political subdivisions.** [Subdivision 1.] The care and relief of persons of Indian blood is declared to be a matter of special state concern and responsibility. To effectuate this responsibility, the commissioner of public welfare shall reimburse counties, cities, towns or any other political subdivision for up to 75 percent of the costs of relief and related services provided to persons of Indian blood to the extent that state and federal moneys are available for this purpose.

Sec. 2. [245.76] [Subd. 2.] For the purposes of this act: (a) An Indian is a person who has at least one-quarter Indian blood or a person listed on the rolls of the United States bureau of Indian affairs as an Indian and who is not residing on the Red Lake Indian Reservation; (b) The term "relief" includes but is not limited to direct relief to persons in their own homes, medical care, hospital care, burial, maintenance of children not under state guardianship and state wards not otherwise provided for. It shall not include uni-

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versity hospital care, sanatorium care, or state institutional charges; (c) The commissioner of public welfare shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of relief including standards of assistance and the manner and form of assistance grants. He shall have the authority to negotiate for and accept grants from the government of the United States.

Sec. 3. [245.76] [Subd. 3.] The commissioner of public welfare may advance grants to the counties, cities, towns or any other political subdivision on an estimated basis subject to audit and adjustment at the end of each state fiscal year.

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CHAPTER 910—S. F. No. 1367

[Coded]

An act relating to the legal settlement of paupers; providing for state reimbursement of assistance provided to paupers with no settlement in the state; appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [245.77] **Paupers; legal settlement; acceptance of federal funds.** In the event federal funds become available to the state for purposes of reimbursing the several local agencies of the state for costs incurred in providing financial relief to poor persons under the liability imposed by section 261.03, or for reimbursing the state and counties for categorical aid assistance furnished to persons who are eligible for such assistance only because of the United States Supreme Court decision invalidating state residence requirements the commissioner of public welfare is hereby designated the state agent for receipt of such funds. Upon receipt of any federal funds the commissioner shall in a uniform and equitable manner use such funds to reimburse counties, towns, cities and villages for expenditures made in providing financial relief to poor persons. The commissioner is further authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, governing the reimbursement provided for by this provision.

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