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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1272

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; increasing the MFIP transitional standard; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256J.24, subdivision 5.

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

1.5 Section 1. FINDINGS.

1.6 For people unable to work because of age or disability or who are unable to get a job,
1.7 the state has had a long-standing commitment to assist them in meeting basic needs. However,
1.8 the level of financial assistance grants provided under the MFIP program has not increased
1.9 in more than three decades, and families needing assistance are sinking deeper into poverty.
1.10 Significant increases in MFIP grants would ease the burden of poverty and help children
1.11 grow up healthier and better able to thrive in school.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256J.24, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 5. MFIP transitional standard. The MFIP transitional standard is based on the
1.14 number of persons in the assistance unit eligible for both food and cash assistance. The
1.15 amount of the transitional standard is published annually by the Department of Human
1.16 Services. Effective July 1, 2019, the amount of the transitional standard is increased by
1.17 \$300 per household.