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H. F. No. 1603

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; increasing the Minnesota family investment program
1.3 cash assistance payment; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 section 256J.24, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256J.24, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **MFIP transitional standard.** (a) The MFIP transitional standard is based on
1.8 the number of persons in the assistance unit eligible for both food and cash assistance. The
1.9 amount of the transitional standard is published annually by the Department of Human
1.10 Services. The following table represents the cash portion of the transitional standard effective
1.11 July 1, 2017.

	<u>Number of eligible people</u>	<u>cash portion</u>
1.13	<u>1</u>	<u>\$350</u>
1.14	<u>2</u>	<u>\$537</u>
1.15	<u>3</u>	<u>\$632</u>
1.16	<u>4</u>	<u>\$721</u>
1.17	<u>5</u>	<u>\$797</u>
1.18	<u>6</u>	<u>\$873</u>
1.19	<u>7</u>	<u>\$950</u>
1.20	<u>8</u>	<u>\$1,016</u>
1.21	<u>9</u>	<u>\$1,080</u>
1.22	<u>10</u>	<u>\$1,135</u>
1.23	<u>over 10</u>	<u>add \$53 for each additional eligible person</u>

2.1 (b) No later than August 31 of each year, beginning in 2018, the commissioner shall
2.2 determine the percentage increase in the rate of inflation, as measured by the implicit price
2.3 deflator, national data for personal consumption expenditures as determined by the United
2.4 States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, during the 12-month period
2.5 immediately preceding that August or, if that data is unavailable, during the most recent
2.6 12-month period for which data is available. The monthly cash portion of the MFIP
2.7 transitional standard must be increased by the lesser of: (1) 2.5 percent; or (2) the percentage
2.8 calculated by the commissioner, rounded to the nearest cent. Cash assistance must not be
2.9 reduced under this paragraph. The new cash portion amount determined under this paragraph
2.10 takes effect on the next January 1.