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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **869**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; increasing the MFIP cash assistance payment;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256J.35.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256J.35, is amended to read:

1.6 **256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

1.7 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~ (e), the amount of an assistance payment
1.8 is equal to the difference between the MFIP standard of need or the Minnesota family
1.9 wage level in section 256J.24 and countable income.

1.10 (a) Beginning July 1, 2015, MFIP assistance units are eligible for an MFIP housing
1.11 assistance grant of \$110 per month, unless:

1.12 (1) the housing assistance unit is currently receiving public and assisted rental
1.13 subsidies provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
1.14 and is subject to section 256J.37, subdivision 3a; or

1.15 (2) the assistance unit is a child-only case under section 256J.88.

1.16 (b) When MFIP eligibility exists for the month of application, the amount of the
1.17 assistance payment for the month of application must be prorated from the date of
1.18 application or the date all other eligibility factors are met for that applicant, whichever is
1.19 later. This provision applies when an applicant loses at least one day of MFIP eligibility.

1.20 (c) MFIP overpayments to an assistance unit must be recouped according to section
1.21 256J.38, subdivision 4.

1.22 (d) An initial assistance payment must not be made to an applicant who is not
1.23 eligible on the date payment is made.

1.24 (e) Beginning July 1, 2016, MFIP assistance payments are increased \$100 per month.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$..... is appropriated for the 2016-2017 biennium from the TANF fund to the
2.3 commissioner of human services for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.35,
2.4 paragraph (e).