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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE696.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 119B.011, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

696.20 Subd. 15. **Income.** (a) "Income" means earned income as defined under section 256P.01,
696.21 subdivision 3, unearned income as defined under section 256P.01, subdivision 8, and public
696.22 assistance cash benefits, including the Minnesota family investment program, diversionary
696.23 work program, work benefit, Minnesota supplemental aid, general assistance, refugee cash
696.24 assistance, at-home infant child care subsidy payments, and child support and maintenance
696.25 distributed to the a family under section 256.741, subdivision 2a; and nonrecurring income
696.26 over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is:

696.27 (1) from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits;

696.28 (2) from a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or refund of personal or real property
696.29 or costs or losses incurred when these payments are made by a public agency, a court, a
696.30 solicitation through public appeal, the federal government, a state or local unit of government,
696.31 or a disaster assistance organization;

696.32 (3) provided as an in-kind benefit; or

697.1 (4) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended.

697.2 (b) The following are deducted from income: funds used to pay for health insurance
697.3 premiums for family members, and child or spousal support paid to or on behalf of a person
697.4 or persons who live outside of the household. Income sources not included in this subdivision
697.5 and section 256P.06, subdivision 3, are not counted as income.

697.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 119B.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

697.7 Subd. 4. Changes in eligibility. (a) The county shall process a change in eligibility
697.8 factors according to paragraphs (b) to (g).

697.9 (b) A family is subject to the reporting requirements in section 256P.07, subdivision 6.

697.10 (c) If a family reports a change or a change is known to the agency before the family's
697.11 regularly scheduled redetermination, the county must act on the change. The commissioner
697.12 shall establish standards for verifying a change.

697.13 (d) A change in income occurs on the day the participant received the first payment
697.14 reflecting the change in income.

697.15 (e) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and
697.16 remains at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, there
697.17 is no change to the family's eligibility. The county shall not request verification of the
697.18 change. The co-payment fee shall not increase during the remaining portion of the family's
697.19 12-month eligibility period.

697.20 (f) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and
697.21 exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, the family is not
697.22 eligible for child care assistance. The family must be given 15 calendar days to provide
697.23 verification of the change. If the required verification is not returned or confirms ineligibility,
697.24 the family's eligibility ends following a subsequent 15-day adverse action notice.

697.25 (g) Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 3400.0040, subpart 3, and 3400.0170,
697.26 subpart 1, if an applicant or participant reports that employment ended, the agency may
697.27 accept a signed statement from the applicant or participant as verification that employment
697.28 ended.

697.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

698.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to
698.2 read:

698.3 Subd. 2b. **Budgeting and reporting.** Every county agency shall determine eligibility
698.4 and calculate benefit amounts for general assistance according to chapter 256P.

698.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

698.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0515, is amended to read:

**256D.0515 ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.**

698.9 All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households must be determined
698.10 eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. SNAP households must demonstrate
698.11 that their gross income is equal to or less than 465 200 percent of the federal poverty
698.12 guidelines for the same family size.

698.13 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0516, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

698.14 Subd. 2. **SNAP reporting requirements.** The commissioner of human services shall
698.15 implement simplified reporting as permitted under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as
698.16 amended, and the SNAP regulations in Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, part 273. SNAP
698.17 benefit recipient households required to report periodically shall not be required to report

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 5.

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150.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0515, is amended to read:

**256D.0515 ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.**

150.6 (a) All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households must be
150.7 determined eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. SNAP households must
150.8 demonstrate that their gross income is equal to or less than 465 200 percent of the federal
150.9 poverty guidelines for the same family size.

150.10 (b) The governor or the commissioner of human services cannot waive federal work
150.11 requirements for SNAP households, except as provided under section 256D.0512, and
150.12 counties must verify that SNAP households are meeting their work requirements.

698.18 ~~more often than one time every six months. This provision shall not apply to households receiving food benefits under the Minnesota family investment program waiver.~~

698.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

698.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

698.22 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility; amount of assistance.** General assistance shall be granted
698.23 ~~to an individual or married couple in an amount that when added to the countable income~~
698.24 ~~as determined to be actually~~ equal to the difference between the countable income available
698.25 ~~to the assistance unit under section 256P.06, the total amount equals the applicable standard~~
698.26 ~~of assistance for general assistance~~ and the standard for the individual or married couple
698.27 ~~using the MFIP transitional standard cash portion described in section 256J.24, subdivision~~
698.28 ~~5, paragraph (a). In determining eligibility for and the amount of assistance for an individual~~
698.29 ~~or married couple, the agency shall apply the earned income disregard as determined in~~
698.30 ~~section 256P.03.~~

698.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2023.

699.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

699.2 Subd. 2. **Emergency need.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, a grant
699.3 ~~of emergency general assistance shall, to the extent funds are available, be made to an~~
699.4 ~~eligible single adult, married couple, or family for an emergency need where the recipient~~
699.5 ~~requests temporary assistance not exceeding 30 days if an emergency situation appears to~~
699.6 ~~exist under written criteria adopted by the county agency. If an applicant or recipient relates~~
699.7 ~~facts to the county agency which may be sufficient to constitute an emergency situation,~~
699.8 ~~the county agency shall, to the extent funds are available, advise the person of the procedure~~
699.9 ~~for applying for assistance according to this subdivision.~~

699.10 (b) The applicant must be ineligible for assistance under chapter 256J, must have annual
699.11 ~~net income no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the previous~~
699.12 ~~calendar year, and may only receive an emergency assistance grant not more than once in~~
699.13 ~~any 12-month period.~~

699.14 (c) Funding for an emergency general assistance program is limited to the appropriation.
699.15 Each fiscal year, the commissioner shall allocate to counties the money appropriated for
699.16 emergency general assistance grants based on each county agency's average share of state's
699.17 emergency general expenditures for the immediate past three fiscal years as determined by
699.18 the commissioner, and may reallocate any unspent amounts to other counties. The
699.19 commissioner may disregard periods of pandemic or other disaster, including fiscal years
699.20 2021 and 2022, when determining the amount allocated to counties. No county shall be
699.21 allocated less than \$1,000 for a fiscal year.

699.22 (d) Any emergency general assistance expenditures by a county above the amount of
699.23 the commissioner's allocation to the county must be made from county funds.

699.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

699.25 Subd. 5. **Eligibility; requirements.** (a) Any applicant, otherwise eligible for general
699.26 assistance and possibly eligible for maintenance benefits from any other source shall (1)
699.27 make application for those benefits within 30 90 days of the general assistance application,
699.28 unless an applicant had good cause to not apply within that period; and (2) execute an interim
699.29 assistance agreement on a form as directed by the commissioner.

699.30 (b) The commissioner shall review a denial of an application for other maintenance
699.31 benefits and may require a recipient of general assistance to file an appeal of the denial if
699.32 appropriate. If found eligible for benefits from other sources, and a payment received from
699.33 another source relates to the period during which general assistance was also being received,
700.1 the recipient shall be required to reimburse the county agency for the interim assistance
700.2 paid. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of general assistance paid during the time
700.3 period to which the other maintenance benefits apply and shall not exceed the state standard
700.4 applicable to that time period.

700.5 (c) The commissioner may contract with the county agencies, qualified agencies,
700.6 organizations, or persons to provide advocacy and support services to process claims for
700.7 federal disability benefits for applicants or recipients of services or benefits supervised by
700.8 the commissioner using money retained under this section.

700.9 (d) The commissioner may provide methods by which county agencies shall identify,
700.10 refer, and assist recipients who may be eligible for benefits under federal programs for
700.11 people with a disability.

700.12 (e) The total amount of interim assistance recoveries retained under this section for
700.13 advocacy, support, and claim processing services shall not exceed 35 percent of the interim
700.14 assistance recoveries in the prior fiscal year.

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT SECTIONS ARE FROM SENATE ARTICLE 10.

247.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

247.14 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Minnesota family assets for independence initiative
247.15 is established to provide incentives for low-income families to accrue assets for education,
247.16 housing, vehicles, emergencies, and economic development purposes.

247.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

247.18 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

247.19 (b) "Eligible educational institution" means the following:

247.20 (1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher
247.21 Education Act of 1965; or

247.22 (2) an area vocational education school, as defined in subparagraph (C) or (D) of United
247.23 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (3) (the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and
247.24 Applied Technology Education Act), which is located within any state, as defined in United
247.25 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (30). This clause is applicable only to the
247.26 extent section 2302 is in effect on August 1, 2008.

247.27 (c) "Family asset account" means a savings account opened by a household participating
247.28 in the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.

247.29 (d) "Fiduciary organization" means:

247.30 (1) a community action agency that has obtained recognition under section 256E.31;

248.1 (2) a federal community development credit union serving the seven-county metropolitan
248.2 area; or

248.3 (3) a women-oriented economic development agency serving the seven-county
248.4 metropolitan area;

248.5 (4) a federally recognized Tribal nation; or

248.6 (5) a nonprofit organization, as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
248.7 Code.

248.8 (e) "Financial coach" means a person who:

248.9 (1) has completed an intensive financial literacy training workshop that includes
248.10 curriculum on budgeting to increase savings, debt reduction and asset building, building a
248.11 good credit rating, and consumer protection;

248.12 (2) participates in ongoing statewide family assets for independence in Minnesota (FAIM)
248.13 network training meetings under FAIM program supervision; and

248.14 (3) provides financial coaching to program participants under subdivision 4a.

248.15 (f) "Financial institution" means a bank, bank and trust, savings bank, savings association,
248.16 or credit union, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance
248.17 Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.

248.18 (g) "Household" means all individuals who share use of a dwelling unit as primary
248.19 quarters for living and eating separate from other individuals.

248.20 (h) "Permissible use" means:

248.21 (1) postsecondary educational expenses at an eligible educational institution as defined
248.22 in paragraph (b), including books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction;

248.23 (2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including
248.24 any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;

248.25 (3) business capitalization expenses for expenditures on capital, plant, equipment, working
248.26 capital, and inventory expenses of a legitimate business pursuant to a business plan approved
248.27 by the fiduciary organization;

248.28 (4) acquisition costs of a principal residence within the meaning of section 1034 of the
248.29 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which do not exceed 100 percent of the average area purchase
248.30 price applicable to the residence determined according to section 143(e)(2) and (3) of the
248.31 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

249.1 (5) acquisition costs of a personal vehicle only if approved by the fiduciary organization;

249.2 (6) contributions to an emergency savings account; and

249.3 (7) contributions to a Minnesota 529 savings plan.

249.4 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

249.5 Subd. 4a. **Financial coaching.** A financial coach shall provide the following to program
249.6 participants:

249.7 (1) financial education relating to budgeting, debt reduction, asset-specific training,
249.8 credit building, and financial stability activities;

249.9 (2) asset-specific training related to buying a home or vehicle, acquiring postsecondary
249.10 education, or starting or expanding a small business, saving for emergencies, or saving for
249.11 a child's education; and

249.12 (3) financial stability education and training to improve and sustain financial security.

249.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

249.14 Subd. 6. **Withdrawal; matching; permissible uses.** (a) To receive a match, a
249.15 participating household must transfer funds withdrawn from a family asset account to its
249.16 matching fund custodial account held by the fiscal agent, according to the family asset
249.17 agreement. The fiscal agent must determine if the match request is for a permissible use
249.18 consistent with the household's family asset agreement.

249.19 (b) The fiscal agent must ensure the household's custodial account contains the applicable
249.20 matching funds to match the balance in the household's account, including interest, on at
249.21 least a quarterly basis and at the time of an approved withdrawal. Matches must be a
249.22 contribution of \$3 from state grant or TANF funds for every \$1 of funds withdrawn from
249.23 the family asset account not to exceed a \$6,000 lifetime limit.

249.24 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if funds are appropriated for the Federal Assets for
249.25 Independence Act of 1998, and a participating fiduciary organization is awarded a grant
249.26 under that act, participating households with that fiduciary organization must be provided
249.27 matches as follows:

700.15 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

700.16 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

700.17 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

700.18 (c) "Eligible organization" means a local governmental unit, federally recognized Tribal
700.19 Nation, or nonprofit organization providing or seeking to provide emergency services for
700.20 homeless persons.

700.21 (d) "Emergency services" means:

700.22 (1) providing emergency shelter for homeless persons; and
700.23 (2) assisting homeless persons in obtaining essential services, including:
700.24 (i) access to permanent housing;
700.25 (ii) medical and psychological help;
700.26 (iii) employment counseling and job placement;
700.27 (iv) substance abuse treatment;
700.28 (v) financial assistance available from other programs;
700.29 (vi) emergency child care;
700.30 (vii) transportation; and

249.28 (1) from state grant and TANF funds, a matching contribution of \$1.50 for every \$1 of
249.29 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$4,500 lifetime limit;
249.30 and

250.1 (2) from nonstate funds, a matching contribution of not less than \$1.50 for every \$1 of
250.2 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$4,500 lifetime limit.

250.3 (d) Upon receipt of transferred custodial account funds, the fiscal agent must make a
250.4 direct payment to the vendor of the goods or services for the permissible use.

250.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

250.6 Subd. 7. **Program reporting.** The fiscal agent on behalf of each fiduciary organization
250.7 participating in a family assets for independence initiative must report quarterly to the
250.8 commissioner of human services identifying the participants with accounts, the number of
250.9 accounts, the amount of savings and matches for each participant's account, the uses of the
250.10 account, and the number of businesses, homes, vehicles, and educational services paid for
250.11 with money from the account, and the amount of contributions to Minnesota 529 savings
250.12 plans and emergency savings accounts, as well as other information that may be required
250.13 for the commissioner to administer the program and meet federal TANF reporting
250.14 requirements.

701.1 (viii) other services needed to stabilize housing.

701.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.

701.3 Sec. 10. **[256E.361] EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITIES GRANTS.**

701.4 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
701.5 subdivision have the meanings given.

701.6 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

701.7 (c) "Eligible organization" means a local governmental unit, federally recognized Tribal
701.8 Nation, or nonprofit organization seeking to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip
701.9 facilities for emergency homeless shelters for individuals and families experiencing
701.10 homelessness.

701.11 (d) "Emergency services" has the meaning given in section 256E.36, subdivision 1,
701.12 paragraph (d).

701.13 (e) "Emergency shelter facility" or "facility" means a facility that provides a safe, sanitary,
701.14 accessible, and suitable emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing
701.15 homelessness, regardless of whether the facility provides emergency shelter for emergency
701.16 services during the day, overnight, or both.

701.17 Subd. 2. **Program established; purpose.** An emergency shelter facilities grant program
701.18 is established to help eligible organizations acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip
701.19 emergency shelter facilities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The
701.20 program shall be administered by the commissioner.

701.21 Subd. 3. **Distribution of grants.** The commissioner must make grants with the purpose
701.22 of ensuring that emergency shelter facilities are available to meet the needs of individuals
701.23 and families experiencing homelessness statewide.

701.24 Subd. 4. **Applications.** An eligible organization may apply to the commissioner for a
701.25 grant to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip an emergency shelter facility providing
701.26 or seeking to provide emergency services for individuals and families experiencing
701.27 homelessness. The commissioner shall use a competitive request for proposal process to
701.28 identify potential projects and eligible organizations on a statewide basis.

701.29 Subd. 5. **Criteria for grant awards.** The commissioner shall award grants based on the
701.30 following criteria:

701.31 (1) whether the application is for a grant to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip
701.32 an emergency shelter facility for individuals and families experiencing homelessness;

702.1 (2) evidence of the applicant's need for state assistance and the need for the particular
702.2 facility to be funded; and

702.3 (3) the applicant's long-range plans for future funding if the need continues to exist for
702.4 the emergency services provided at the facility.

702.5 Subd. 6. **Availability of appropriations.** Appropriations under this section are available
702.6 for a four-year period that begins on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the appropriation
702.7 occurs. Unspent funds at the end of the four-year period shall be returned back to the general
702.8 fund.

702.9 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.03, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

702.10 Subd. 13. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount
702.11 of monthly income a person will have in the payment month has the meaning given in
702.12 section 256P.01, subdivision 9.

702.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

702.14 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

702.15 Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section
702.16 256P.07 that affect eligibility or housing support payment amounts, other than changes in
702.17 earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income
702.18 must complete a household report form at least once every six months according to section
702.19 256P.10. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due,
702.20 the county agency must terminate eligibility for housing support payments. The termination
702.21 shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was
702.22 due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the
702.23 individual is considered to have continued an application for housing support payment
702.24 effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

702.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

702.26 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended
702.27 to read:

702.28 Subd. 8. **Amount of housing support payment.** (a) The amount of a room and board
702.29 payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined by subtracting the
702.30 individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for a whole calendar
702.31 month from the room and board rate for that same month. The housing support payment is
703.1 determined by multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual
703.2 was a resident or temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 2a.

703.3 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting
703.4 under section 256P.09 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment
703.5 for the following six month period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's
703.6 eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month. A decrease
703.7 in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which the decrease
703.8 is reported.

703.9 (c) For an individual who receives housing support payments under section 256I.04,
703.10 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), the amount of the housing support payment is determined by
703.11 multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual was a resident.

703.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

703.13 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.09, is amended to read:

703.14 **256I.09 COMMUNITY LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE.**

703.15 The commissioner shall award grants to agencies through an annual competitive process.
703.16 Grants awarded under this section may be used for: (1) outreach to locate and engage people
703.17 who are homeless or residing in segregated settings to screen for basic needs and assist with
703.18 referral to community living resources; (2) building capacity to provide technical assistance
703.19 and consultation on housing and related support service resources for persons with both
703.20 disabilities and low income; or (3) streamlining the administration and monitoring activities
703.21 related to housing support funds; or (4) direct assistance to individuals to access or maintain
703.22 housing in community settings. Agencies may collaborate and submit a joint application
703.23 for funding under this section.

703.24 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.08, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

703.25 Subd. 71. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means a method of
703.26 determining the amount of the assistance payment in which the budget month and payment
703.27 month are the same has the meaning given in section 256P.01, subdivision 9.

703.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

703.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.08, subdivision 79, is amended to read:

703.30 Subd. 79. **Recurring income.** "Recurring income" means a form of income which is:

704.1 (1) received periodically, and may be received irregularly when receipt can be anticipated
704.2 even though the date of receipt cannot be predicted; and
704.3 (2) from the same source or of the same type that is received and budgeted in a
704.4 prospective month and is received in one or both of the first two retrospective months.

704.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

704.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.21, subdivision 3, is amended
704.7 to read:

704.8 Subd. 3. **Initial income test.** (a) The agency shall determine initial eligibility by
704.9 considering all earned and unearned income as defined in section 256P.06. To be eligible
704.10 for MFIP, the assistance unit's countable income minus the earned income disregards in
704.11 paragraph (a) and section 256P.03 must be below the family wage level according to section
704.12 256J.24, subdivision 7, for that size assistance unit.

704.13 (b) The initial eligibility determination must disregard the following items:

704.14 (1) the earned income disregard as determined in section 256P.03;

704.15 (2) dependent care costs must be deducted from gross earned income for the actual
704.16 amount paid for dependent care up to a maximum of \$200 per month for each child less
704.17 than two years of age, and \$175 per month for each child two years of age and older;

704.18 (3) all payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of
704.19 children not living in the assistance unit's household shall be disregarded from the income
704.20 of the person with the legal obligation to pay support; and

704.21 (4) an allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under
704.22 the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the
704.23 caregiver according to section 256J.36.

704.24 (b) After initial eligibility is established, (c) The income test is for a six-month period.
704.25 The assistance payment calculation is based on the monthly income test prospective budgeting
704.26 according to section 256P.09.

704.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

704.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

704.29 Subd. 4. **Monthly Income test and determination of assistance payment.** The county
704.30 agency shall determine ongoing eligibility and the assistance payment amount according
705.1 to the monthly income test. To be eligible for MFIP, the result of the computations in
705.2 paragraphs (a) to (e) applied to prospective budgeting must be at least \$1.

705.3 (a) Apply an income disregard as defined in section 256P.03, to gross earnings and
705.4 subtract this amount from the family wage level. If the difference is equal to or greater than
705.5 the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the MFIP transitional
705.6 standard. If the difference is less than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment
705.7 is equal to the difference. The earned income disregard in this paragraph must be deducted
705.8 every month there is earned income.

705.9 (b) All payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of
705.10 children not living in the assistance unit's household must be disregarded from the income
705.11 of the person with the legal obligation to pay support.

705.12 (c) An allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under
705.13 the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the
705.14 caregiver must be made according to section 256J.36.

705.15 (d) Subtract unearned income dollar for dollar from the MFIP transitional standard to
705.16 determine the assistance payment amount.

705.17 (e) When income is both earned and unearned, the amount of the assistance payment
705.18 must be determined by first treating gross earned income as specified in paragraph (a). After
705.19 determining the amount of the assistance payment under paragraph (a), unearned income

705.20 must be subtracted from that amount dollar for dollar to determine the assistance payment
705.21 amount.

705.22 (f) When the monthly income is greater than the MFIP transitional standard after
705.23 deductions and the income will only exceed the standard for one month, the county agency
705.24 must suspend the assistance payment for the payment month.

705.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

705.26 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.33, subdivision 1, is amended
705.27 to read:

705.28 Subdivision 1. **Determination of eligibility.** (a) A county agency must determine MFIP
705.29 eligibility prospectively for a payment month based on retrospectively assessing income
705.30 and the county agency's best estimate of the circumstances that will exist in the payment
705.31 month.

706.1 (b) Except as described in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, when prospective eligibility
706.2 exists, A county agency must calculate the amount of the assistance payment using
706.3 retrospective prospective budgeting. To determine MFIP eligibility and the assistance
706.4 payment amount, a county agency must apply countable income, described in sections
706.5 256P.06 and 256J.37, subdivisions 3 to 10, received by members of an assistance unit or
706.6 by other persons whose income is counted for the assistance unit, described under sections
706.7 256J.37, subdivisions 1 to 2, and 256P.06, subdivision 1.

706.8 (c) This income must be applied to the MFIP standard of need or family wage level
706.9 subject to this section and sections 256J.34 to 256J.36. Countable income as described in
706.10 section 256P.06, subdivision 3, received in a calendar month must be applied to the needs
706.11 of an assistance unit.

706.12 (d) An assistance unit is not eligible when the countable income equals or exceeds the
706.13 MFIP standard of need or the family wage level for the assistance unit.

706.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except that the amendment
706.15 to paragraph (b) striking "10" and inserting "9" is effective July 1, 2023.

706.16 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

706.17 Subd. 2. **Prospective eligibility.** An agency must determine whether the eligibility
706.18 requirements that pertain to an assistance unit, including those in sections 256J.11 to 256J.15
706.19 and 256P.02, will be met prospectively for the payment month period. Except for the
706.20 provisions in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, The income test will be applied retrospectively
706.21 prospectively.

706.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

706.23 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

706.24 Subd. 3. **Earned income of wage, salary, and contractual employees.** The agency
706.25 must include gross earned income less any disregards in the initial and monthly income
706.26 test. Gross earned income received by persons employed on a contractual basis must be
706.27 prorated over the period covered by the contract even when payments are received over a
706.28 lesser period of time.

706.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

707.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.37, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

707.2 Subd. 3a. **Rental subsidies; unearned income.** (a) Effective July 1, 2003, the agency
707.3 shall count \$50 of the value of public and assisted rental subsidies provided through the
707.4 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as unearned income to the cash
707.5 portion of the MFIP grant. The full amount of the subsidy must be counted as unearned
707.6 income when the subsidy is less than \$50. The income from this subsidy shall be budgeted
707.7 according to section 256J.34 256P.09.

707.8 (b) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an MFIP assistance unit which
707.9 includes a participant who is:

707.10 (1) age 60 or older;

707.11 (2) a caregiver who is suffering from an illness, injury, or incapacity that has been
707.12 certified by a qualified professional when the illness, injury, or incapacity is expected to
707.13 continue for more than 30 days and severely limits the person's ability to obtain or maintain
707.14 suitable employment; or

707.15 (3) a caregiver whose presence in the home is required due to the illness or incapacity
707.16 of another member in the assistance unit, a relative in the household, or a foster child in the
707.17 household when the illness or incapacity and the need for the participant's presence in the
707.18 home has been certified by a qualified professional and is expected to continue for more
707.19 than 30 days.

707.20 (c) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an MFIP assistance unit where
707.21 the parental caregiver is an SSI participant.

707.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

707.23 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.95, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

707.24 Subd. 19. **DWP overpayments and underpayments.** DWP benefits are subject to
707.25 overpayments and underpayments. Anytime an overpayment or an underpayment is
707.26 determined for DWP, the correction shall be calculated using prospective budgeting.
707.27 Corrections shall be determined based on the policy in section 256J.34, subdivision 1,
707.28 paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) 256P.09, subdivisions 1 to 4. ATM errors must be recovered as

707.29 specified in section 256P.08, subdivision 7. Cross program recoupment of overpayments
707.30 cannot be assigned to or from DWP.

707.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

708.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

708.2 Subd. 3. **Street and community outreach and drop-in program.** Youth drop-in centers
708.3 must provide walk-in access to crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services including
708.4 one-to-one case management services on a self-referral basis. Street and community outreach
708.5 programs must locate, contact, and provide information, referrals, and services to homeless
708.6 youth, youth at risk of homelessness, and runaways. Information, referrals, and services
708.7 provided may include, but are not limited to:

708.8 (1) family reunification services;

708.9 (2) conflict resolution or mediation counseling;

708.10 (3) assistance in obtaining temporary emergency shelter;

708.11 (4) assistance in obtaining food, clothing, medical care, or mental health counseling;

708.12 (5) counseling regarding violence, sexual exploitation, substance abuse, sexually

708.13 transmitted diseases, and pregnancy;

708.14 (6) referrals to other agencies that provide support services to homeless youth, youth at
708.15 risk of homelessness, and runaways;

708.16 (7) assistance with education, employment, and independent living skills;

708.17 (8) aftercare services;

708.18 (9) specialized services for highly vulnerable runaways and homeless youth, including
708.19 teen but not limited to youth at risk of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender
708.20 identity, young parents, emotionally disturbed and mentally ill youth, and sexually exploited
708.21 youth; and

708.22 (10) homelessness prevention.

708.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.

708.24 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
708.25 to read:

708.26 Subd. 9. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount
708.27 of monthly income that an assistance unit will have in the payment month.

708.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

251.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 1a, is amended
251.29 to read:

251.30 Subd. 1a. **Exemption.** Participants who qualify for child care assistance programs under
251.31 chapter 119B are exempt from this section, except that the personal property identified in
251.32 subdivision 2 is counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under
252.1 chapter 119B. Vehicles under subdivision 3 and accounts under subdivision 4 are not counted
252.2 toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under chapter 119B.

252.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended
252.4 to read:

252.5 Subd. 2. **Personal property limitations.** The equity value of an assistance unit's personal
252.6 property listed in clauses (1) to (5) must not exceed \$10,000 for applicants and participants.
252.7 For purposes of this subdivision, personal property is limited to:

252.8 (1) cash;
252.9 (2) bank accounts not excluded under subdivision 4;
252.10 (3) liquid stocks and bonds that can be readily accessed without a financial penalty;
252.11 (4) vehicles not excluded under subdivision 3; and
252.12 (5) the full value of business accounts used to pay expenses not related to the business.

252.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision
252.14 to read:

252.15 Subd. 4. **Account exception.** Family asset accounts under section 256E.35 and individual
252.16 development accounts authorized under the Assets for Independence Act, Title IV of the
252.17 Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Human
252.18 Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285, shall be excluded when
252.19 determining the equity value of personal property.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 5.

150.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

150.14 Subd. 2. **Earned income disregard.** The agency shall disregard the first \$65 of earned
150.15 income plus one half 60 percent of the remaining earned income per month.

709.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.04, subdivision 4, is amended
709.2 to read:

709.3 Subd. 4. **Factors to be verified.** (a) The agency shall verify the following at application:
709.4 (1) identity of adults;
709.5 (2) age, if necessary to determine eligibility;

709.6 (3) immigration status;
709.7 (4) income;
709.8 (5) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;
709.9 (6) vehicles;
709.10 (7) checking and savings accounts, including but not limited to any business accounts
709.11 used to pay expenses not related to the business;
709.12 (8) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility;
709.13 (9) residence; and
709.14 (10) Social Security number; and
709.15 (11) use of nonrecurring income under section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), item
709.16 (ix), for the intended purpose for which it was given and received.
709.17 (b) Applicants who are qualified noncitizens and victims of domestic violence as defined
709.18 under section 256J.08, subdivision 73, clauses (8) and (9), are not required to verify the
709.19 information in paragraph (a), clause (10). When a Social Security number is not provided
709.20 to the agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the
709.21 assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of Social Security numbers,
709.22 issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established
709.23 jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.

709.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.
709.25 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.04, subdivision 8, is amended
709.26 to read:

709.27 Subd. 8. **Recertification.** The agency shall recertify eligibility annually. During
709.28 recertification and reporting under section 256P.10, the agency shall verify the following:

709.29 (1) income, unless excluded, including self-employment earnings;
709.30 (2) assets when the value is within \$200 of the asset limit; and
710.1 (3) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.

710.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

710.3 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended
710.4 to read:

710.5 Subd. 3. **Income inclusions.** The following must be included in determining the income
710.6 of an assistance unit:

710.7 (1) earned income; and

- 710.8 (2) unearned income, which includes:
- 710.9 (i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;
- 710.10 (ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;
- 710.11 (iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and
- 710.12 interest portion owed on property;
- 710.13 (iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;
- 710.14 (v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;
- 710.15 (vi) cash prizes and winnings;
- 710.16 (vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the
- 710.17 assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:
- 710.18 (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or
- 710.19 (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;
- 710.20 (viii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 256D and 256I, retirement, survivors,
- 710.21 and disability insurance payments;
- 710.22 (ix) nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A)
- 710.23 from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or
- 710.24 refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are
- 710.25 made by: a public agency; a court; solicitations through public appeal; a federal, state, or
- 710.26 local unit of government; or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind
- 710.27 benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to
- 710.28 verification requirements under section 256P.04;
- 710.29 (x) retirement benefits;
- 711.1 (xi) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D,
- 711.2 256I, and 256J;
- 711.3 (xii) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;
- 711.4 (xiii) income and payments from service and rehabilitation programs that meet or
- 711.5 exceed the state's minimum wage rate;
- 711.6 (xiv) (xiii) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded
- 711.7 from income taxes according to federal or state law;
- 711.8 (xv) (xiv) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I, all child
- 711.9 support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I;

711.10 ~~(xvi)~~ (xv) for the purposes of programs under chapter 256J, the amount of child support
711.11 received that exceeds \$100 for assistance units with one child and \$200 for assistance units
711.12 with two or more children for programs under chapter 256J;

711.13 ~~(xvii)~~ (xvi) spousal support; and

711.14 ~~(xviii)~~ (xvii) workers' compensation; and

711.15 (xviii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B and 256J, the amount of
711.16 ~~retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments that exceeds the applicable monthly~~
711.17 ~~federal maximum Supplemental Security Income payments.~~

711.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, except the amendment
711.19 ~~removing nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter is effective July 1, 2023.~~

711.20 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

711.21 Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Participants who receive Supplemental Security
711.22 ~~Income and qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D and or for housing~~
711.23 ~~support under chapter 256I on the basis of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income are~~
711.24 ~~exempt from this section reporting income under this chapter.~~

711.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

711.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
711.27 to read:

711.28 **Subd. 1a. Child care assistance programs.** Participants who qualify for child care
711.29 ~~assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section except the reporting~~
711.30 ~~requirements in subdivision 6.~~

712.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

712.2 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

712.3 Subd. 2. **Reporting requirements.** An applicant or participant must provide information
712.4 ~~on an application and any subsequent reporting forms about the assistance unit's~~
712.5 ~~circumstances that affect eligibility or benefits. An applicant or assistance unit must report~~
712.6 ~~changes that affect eligibility or benefits as identified in subdivision subdivisions 3, 4, 5,~~
712.7 ~~7, 8, and 9, during the application period or by the tenth of the month following the month~~
712.8 ~~the assistance unit's circumstances changed. When information is not accurately reported,~~
712.9 ~~both an overpayment and a referral for a fraud investigation may result. When information~~
712.10 ~~or documentation is not provided, the receipt of any benefit may be delayed or denied,~~
712.11 ~~depending on the type of information required and its effect on eligibility.~~

712.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

712.13 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

712.14 Subd. 3. **Changes that must be reported.** An assistance unit must report the changes
712.15 or anticipated changes specified in clauses (1) to (12) within ten days of the date they occur,
712.16 at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or
712.17 within eight calendar days of a reporting period, whichever occurs first. An assistance unit
712.18 must report other changes at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04,
712.19 subdivisions 8 and 9, or at the end of a reporting period, as applicable. When an agency
712.20 could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in
712.21 reporting a change specified under clauses (1) to (12) had not occurred, the agency must
712.22 determine whether a timely notice could have been issued on the day that the change
712.23 occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's overpayment
712.24 subsequent to that notice must be considered a client error overpayment under section
712.25 119B.11, subdivision 2a, or 256P.08. Changes in circumstances that must be reported within
712.26 ten days must also be reported for the reporting period in which those changes occurred.
712.27 Within ten days, an assistance unit must report:

712.28 (1) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater with the exception of a
712.29 program under chapter 119B;

712.30 (2) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater with the exception of a
712.31 program under chapter 119B;

713.1 (3) a change in employment status and hours with the exception of a program under
713.2 chapter 119B;

713.3 (4) a change in address or residence;

713.4 (5) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter
713.5 256P;

713.6 (6) a receipt of a lump-sum payment with the exception of a program under chapter
713.7 119B;

713.8 (7) an increase in assets if over \$9,000 with the exception of programs under chapter
713.9 119B;

713.10 (8) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

713.11 (9) a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256I;

713.12 (10) a change in disability status of a unit member, with the exception of programs under
713.13 chapter 119B;

713.14 (11) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy with the exception of a program
713.15 under chapter 119B; and

713.16 ~~(12) a sale, purchase, or transfer of real property with the exception of a program under~~
713.17 ~~chapter 119B.~~

713.18 ~~(a) An assistance unit must report changes or anticipated changes as described in this~~
713.19 ~~subdivision.~~

713.20 ~~(b) An assistance unit must report:~~

713.21 ~~(1) a change in eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, Retirement Survivors~~
713.22 ~~Disability Insurance, or another federal income support;~~

713.23 ~~(2) a change in address or residence;~~

713.24 ~~(3) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter~~
713.25 ~~256I;~~

713.26 ~~(4) cash prizes and winnings according to guidance provided for the Supplemental~~
713.27 ~~Nutrition Assistance Program;~~

713.28 ~~(5) a change in citizenship or immigration status;~~

713.29 ~~(6) a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256I; and~~

713.30 ~~(7) a change that makes the value of the unit's assets at or above the asset limit.~~

714.1 ~~(c) When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment~~
714.2 ~~months if a delay in reporting a change specified under paragraph (b) had not occurred, the~~
714.3 ~~agency must determine the first month that the agency could have reduced or terminated~~
714.4 ~~assistance following a timely notice given on the date of the change in income. Each month's~~
714.5 ~~overpayment starting with that month must be considered a client error overpayment under~~
714.6 ~~section 256P.08.~~

714.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except that the amendment
714.8 ~~striking clause (6) is effective July 1, 2023.~~

714.9 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

714.10 Subd. 4. **MFIP-specific reporting.** In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit under
714.11 ~~chapter 256J, within ten days of the change, must report:~~

714.12 ~~(1) a pregnancy not resulting in birth when there are no other minor children; and~~

714.13 ~~(2) a change in school attendance of a parent under 20 years of age ~~or of an employed~~~~
714.14 ~~child;~~ and

714.15 ~~(3) an individual in the household who is 18 or 19 years of age attending high school~~
714.16 ~~who graduates or drops out of school.~~

714.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

714.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

714.19 Subd. 6. **Child care assistance programs-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to
714.20 subdivision 3, An assistance unit under chapter 119B, within ten days of the change, must
714.21 report:

714.22 (1) a change in a parentally responsible individual's custody schedule for any child
714.23 receiving child care assistance program benefits;

714.24 (2) a permanent end in a parentally responsible individual's authorized activity; and

714.25 (3) if the unit's family's annual included income exceeds 85 percent of the state median
714.26 income, adjusted for family size;:

714.27 (4) a change in address or residence;

714.28 (5) a change in household composition;

714.29 (6) a change in citizenship or immigration status; and

714.30 (7) a change in family status.

715.1 (b) An assistance unit subject to section 119B.095, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must
715.2 report a change in the unit's authorized activity status.

715.3 (c) An assistance unit must notify the county when the unit wants to reduce the number
715.4 of authorized hours for children in the unit.

715.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

715.6 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

715.7 Subd. 7. **Minnesota supplemental aid-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to subdivision
715.8 3, an assistance unit participating in the Minnesota supplemental aid program under section
715.9 256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), within ten days of the change, chapter 256D and not
715.10 receiving Supplemental Security Income must report shelter expenses:

715.11 (1) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater; and

715.12 (2) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater.

715.13 (b) An assistance unit receiving housing assistance under section 256D.44, subdivision
715.14 5, paragraph (g), including assistance units that also receive Supplemental Security Income,
715.15 must report:

715.16 (1) a change in shelter expenses; and

715.17 (2) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy.

715.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

715.19 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
715.20 to read:

715.21 Subd. 8. **Housing support-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an
715.22 assistance unit participating in the housing support program under chapter 256I and not
715.23 receiving Supplemental Security Income must report:

715.24 (1) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater; and

715.25 (2) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater, unless the assistance unit
715.26 is already subject to six-month reporting requirements in section 256P.10.

715.27 (b) Notwithstanding the exemptions in subdivisions 1 and 3, an assistance unit receiving
715.28 housing support under chapter 256I, including an assistance unit that receives Supplemental
715.29 Security Income, must report:

715.30 (1) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy;

716.1 (2) a change in the disability status of a unit member; and

716.2 (3) a change in household composition if the assistance unit is a participant in housing
716.3 support under section 256I.04, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (3).

716.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

716.5 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision
716.6 to read:

716.7 Subd. 9. **General assistance-specific reporting.** In addition to subdivision 3, an
716.8 assistance unit participating in the general assistance program under chapter 256D must
716.9 report:

716.10 (1) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater;

716.11 (2) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater, unless the assistance unit
716.12 is already subject to six-month reporting requirements in section 256P.10; and

716.13 (3) changes in any condition that would result in the loss of basis for eligibility in section
716.14 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

716.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

716.16 Sec. 38. **[256P.09] PROSPECTIVE BUDGETING OF BENEFITS.**

716.17 Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Assistance units that qualify for child care
716.18 assistance programs under chapter 119B, assistance units that receive housing support under
716.19 chapter 256I and are not subject to reporting under section 256P.10, and assistance units
716.20 that qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D are exempt from this
716.21 section.

716.22 Subd. 2. **Prospective budgeting of benefits.** An agency subject to this chapter must use
716.23 prospective budgeting to calculate the assistance payment amount.

716.24 Subd. 3. **Initial income.** For the purpose of determining an assistance unit's level of
716.25 benefits, an agency must take into account the income already received by the assistance
716.26 unit during or anticipated to be received during the application period. Income anticipated
716.27 to be received only in the initial month of eligibility should only be counted in the initial
716.28 month.

716.29 Subd. 4. **Income determination.** An agency must use prospective budgeting to determine
716.30 the amount of the assistance unit's benefit for the eligibility period based on the best
716.31 information available at the time of approval. An agency shall only count anticipated income
717.1 when the participant and the agency are reasonably certain of the amount of the payment
717.2 and the month in which the payment will be received. If the exact amount of the income is
717.3 not known, the agency shall consider only the amounts that can be anticipated as income.

717.4 Subd. 5. **Income changes.** An increase in income shall not affect an assistance unit's
717.5 eligibility or benefit amount until the next review unless otherwise required to be reported
717.6 in section 256P.07. A decrease in income shall be effective on the date that the change
717.7 occurs if the change is reported by the tenth of the month following the month when the
717.8 change occurred. If the assistant unit does not report the change in income by the tenth of
717.9 the month following the month when the change occurred, the change in income shall be
717.10 effective on the date the change was reported.

717.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

717.12 Sec. 39. **[256P.10] SIX-MONTH REPORTING.**

717.13 Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Assistance units that qualify for child care
717.14 assistance programs under chapter 119B, assistance units that qualify for Minnesota
717.15 supplemental aid under chapter 256D, and assistance units that qualify for housing support
717.16 under chapter 256I and also receive Supplemental Security Income are exempt from this
717.17 section.

717.18 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** (a) An assistance unit that qualifies for the Minnesota family
717.19 investment program under chapter 256J, an assistance unit that qualifies for general assistance
717.20 under chapter 256D with an earned income of \$100 per month or greater, or an assistance
717.21 unit that qualifies for housing support under chapter 256I with an earned income of \$100
717.22 per month or greater is subject to six-month reviews. The initial reporting period may be
717.23 shorter than six months in order to align with other programs' reporting periods.

717.24 (b) An assistance unit that qualifies for the Minnesota family investment program or an
717.25 assistance unit that qualifies for general assistance with an earned income of \$100 per month
717.26 or greater must complete household report forms as required by the commissioner for
717.27 redetermination of benefits.

717.28 (c) An assistance unit that qualifies for housing support with an earned income of \$100
717.29 per month or greater must complete household report forms as prescribed by the
717.30 commissioner to provide information about earned income.

717.31 (d) An assistance unit that qualifies for housing support and also receives assistance
717.32 through the Minnesota family investment program shall be subject to requirements of this
717.33 section for purposes of the Minnesota family investment program but not for housing support.

718.1 (e) An assistance unit covered by this section must submit a household report form in
718.2 compliance with the provisions in section 256P.04, subdivision 11.

718.3 (f) An assistance unit covered by this section may choose to report changes under this
718.4 section at any time.

718.5 Subd. 3. **When to terminate assistance.** (a) An agency must terminate benefits when
718.6 the assistance unit fails to submit the household report form before the end of the six-month
718.7 review period as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a). If the assistance unit submits
718.8 the household report form within 30 days of the termination of benefits and remains eligible,
718.9 benefits must be reinstated and made available retroactively for the full benefit month.

718.10 (b) When an assistance unit is determined to be ineligible for assistance according to
718.11 this section and chapter 256D, 256I, or 256J, the commissioner must terminate assistance.

718.12 Sec. 40. **PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHOSEN FAMILY HOSTING TO PREVENT
718.13 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.**

718.14 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services must establish a
718.15 pilot program for providers seeking to establish or expand services for homeless youth that
718.16 formalize situations where a caring adult who a youth considers chosen family allows a
718.17 youth to stay at the adult's residence to avoid being homeless.

718.18 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
718.19 meanings given them.

718.20 (b) "Chosen family" means any individual, related by blood or affinity, whose close
718.21 association fulfills the need of a familial relationship.

718.22 (c) "Set of participants" means a youth aged 18 to 24 and (1) an adult host who is the
718.23 youth's chosen family and with whom the youth is living in an intergenerational hosting
718.24 arrangement to avoid being homeless, or (2) a relative with whom the youth is living to
718.25 avoid being homeless.

718.26 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner of human services, as authorized by
718.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6), shall contract
718.28 with a technical assistance provider to:

718.29 (1) provide technical assistance to funding recipients;

718.30 (2) facilitate a monthly learning cohort for funding recipients;

718.31 (3) evaluate the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the pilot program; and

719.1 (4) submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner.

719.2 (b) When developing the criteria for awarding funds, the commissioner must include a

719.3 requirement that all funding recipients:

719.4 (1) partner with sets of participants, with a case manager caseload consistent with existing

719.5 norms for homeless youth;

719.6 (2) mediate agreements within each set of participants about shared expectations regarding

719.7 the living arrangement;

719.8 (3) provide monthly stipends to sets of participants to offset the costs created by the

719.9 living arrangement;

719.10 (4) connect sets of participants to community resources;

719.11 (5) if the adult host is a renter, help facilitate ongoing communication between the

719.12 property owner and adult host;

719.13 (6) offer strategies to address barriers faced by adult hosts who are renters;

719.14 (7) assist the youth in identifying and strengthening their circle of support, giving focused

719.15 attention to adults who can serve as permanent connections and provide ongoing support

719.16 throughout the youth's life; and

719.17 (8) actively participate in monthly cohort meetings.

719.18 Subd. 4. **Technical assistance provider.** The commissioner must select a technical

719.19 assistance provider to provide assistance to funding recipients. In order to be selected, the

719.20 technical assistance provider must:

719.21 (1) have in-depth experience with research on and evaluation of youth homelessness

719.22 from a holistic perspective that addresses the four core outcomes developed by the United

719.23 States Interagency Council on Homelessness to prevent and end youth homelessness;

719.24 (2) offer education and have previous experience providing technical assistance on

719.25 supporting chosen family hosting arrangements to organizations that serve homeless youth;

719.26 (3) have expertise on how to address barriers faced by chosen family hosts who are

719.27 renters; and

719.28 (4) be located in Minnesota.

719.29 Subd. 5. **Eligible applicants.** To be eligible for funding under this section, an applicant

719.30 must be a provider serving homeless youth in Minnesota. The money must be awarded to

719.31 funding recipients beginning no later than March 31, 2023.

720.1 **Subd. 6. Applications.** Providers seeking funding under this section shall apply to the
720.2 commissioner. The applicant must include a description of the project that the applicant is
720.3 proposing, the amount of money that the applicant is seeking, and a proposed budget
720.4 describing how the applicant will spend the money.

720.5 **Subd. 7. Reporting.** The technical assistance provider must submit annual updates and
720.6 a final report to the commissioner in a manner specified by the commissioner on the technical
720.7 assistance provider's findings regarding the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the pilot
720.8 program.

720.9 **Sec. 41. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; INCOME AND ASSET EXCLUSION
720.10 FOR LOCAL GUARANTEED INCOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

720.11 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
720.12 subdivision have the meanings given.

720.13 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services unless specified
720.14 otherwise.

720.15 (c) "Guaranteed income demonstration project" means a local demonstration project to
720.16 evaluate how unconditional cash payments have a causal effect on income volatility, financial
720.17 well-being, and early childhood development in infants and toddlers.

720.18 **Subd. 2. Commissioner; income and asset exclusion.** (a) During the duration of the
720.19 guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner shall not count payments made
720.20 to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project as income or assets for purposes
720.21 of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

720.22 (1) child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; and
720.23 (2) the Minnesota family investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary
720.24 work program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

720.25 (b) During the duration of the guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner
720.26 shall not count payments made to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project
720.27 as income or assets for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following
720.28 programs:

720.29 (1) medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; and
720.30 (2) MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L.

720.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, except for subdivision 2,
720.32 paragraph (b), which is effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.

721.1 Sec. 42. **REPEALER.**

721.2 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivisions 10, 61, 62, 81, and 83;
721.3 256J.30, subdivisions 5 and 7; 256J.33, subdivisions 3 and 5; 256J.34, subdivisions 1, 2, 3,
721.4 and 4; and 256J.37, subdivision 10, are repealed.

721.5 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections 256J.08, subdivision 53; 256J.30,
721.6 subdivision 8; and 256J.33, subdivision 4, are repealed.

721.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except the repeal of
721.8 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivision 62, and 256J.37, subdivision 10,
721.9 and Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.08, subdivision 53, is effective July
721.10 1, 2023.