260.786 CHILD WELFARE STAFF ALLOCATION FOR TRIBES.

Subdivision 1. **Allocations.** The commissioner shall allocate $80,000 annually to each of Minnesota's federally recognized Tribes that, at the beginning of the fiscal year, have not joined and are not in the process of planning to join the American Indian Child welfare initiative under section 142A.03, subdivision 9. Tribes not participating in or planning to join the initiative as of July 1, 2023, are: Bois Fort Band of Chippewa, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Prairie Island Indian Community, and Upper Sioux Indian Community.

Subd. 2. **Purposes.** Money must be used to address staffing for responding to notifications under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, to the extent necessary, or to provide other child protection and child welfare services. Money must not be used to supplant current Tribal expenditures for these purposes.

Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By June 1 each year, Tribes receiving this money shall provide a report to the commissioner. The report shall be written in a manner prescribed by the commissioner and must include an accounting of money spent, staff hired, job duties, and other information as required by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Redistribution of money.** If a Tribe joins the American Indian child welfare initiative, the payment for that Tribe shall be distributed equally among the remaining Tribes receiving an allocation under this section.

History: *2023 c 70 art 14 s 7; 2024 c 80 art 1 s 96; 2024 c 115 art 17 s 47*