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Overview

This bill clarifies and amends various provisions in the Data Practices Act related to human services.

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- 1** **Public data.** Amends § 13.43, subd. 2. Updates cross-reference.
- 2** **Employee data.** Amends § 13.42, by adding subd. 5a. (a) Makes certain data regarding employees of the Minnesota Security Hospital and the Minnesota sex offender program, a state correctional facility, or the Department of Corrections directly involved in supervision of offenders in the community private or nonpublic data.

(b) Requires the disclosure of private data under this subdivision upon court order if there is a reasonable showing that disclosure of the data is necessary for a member of the public to pursue an action against a facility, and that this necessity outweighs the potential for physical harm or harassment.
- 3** **Definitions.** Amends § 13.46, subd. 1. Modifies definition of "program" for purposes of welfare data. Adds TANF and child care assistance.
- 4** **General.** Amends § 13.46, subd. 2. Permits disclosure of private data on individuals to welfare system personnel who require the data to verify an individual's identity, determine the need to provide services to an individual or family across programs, evaluate program effectiveness, and investigate suspected fraud.

Also permits disclosure to the Department of Revenue to administer and evaluate tax refund

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or tax credit programs. Specifies the data that may be disclosed. Updates the list of credits included in the tax refund or tax credit programs.

- 5** **Child care assistance program.** Amends § 13.461, by adding subd. 28. Makes welfare system data regarding persons selected as legal nonlicensed child care providers by families receiving child care assistance "licensing data" under the Data Practices Act.
- 6** **Data.** Amends § 119B.02, subd. 6. Makes welfare system data regarding persons selected as legal nonlicensed child care providers by families receiving child care assistance licensing data under the Data Practices Act.
- 7** **Repealer.** Repeals section 13.319, subdivision 7 (child care assistance program data). Replaced by section 13.461, subdivision 28.