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Overview

This bill establishes a 90-day residency requirement for receipt of full benefits under certain human services programs.

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- 1** **Standard of assistance.** Amends § 256D.06, by adding subd. 1d. Limits the standard of assistance to 60 percent of the full GA standard for applicants who have resided in Minnesota for less than 90 days and who live independently in the community. Requires the full standard of assistance to be available beginning the first day of either the month that the 90 days' residency is completed if the 90th day occurs on or before the 15th of the month or the following month if the 90th day occurs the 16th of the month or after. Counts the 30-day residence period toward the 90-day payment standard.
- 2** **Simple residency.** Amends § 256J.12, subd. 1. Includes the Diversionary Work Program (DWP) in the MFIP residency requirement.
- 3** **Residency requirement for DWP applicants.** Amends § 256J.12, by adding subd. 5. Specifies the standard at which DWP assistance will be paid to an eligible family unit in which all members have resided in the state for fewer than 90 consecutive days. Specifies that the 30-day residence period counts toward the 90-day DWP residence requirement.
- 4** **Interstate payment standards.** Amends § 256J.95, by adding subd. 21. Paragraph (a) specifies the way in which the amount of assistance will be calculated for eligible DWP family units in which all members have resided in Minnesota for fewer than 90 consecutive days.

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Paragraph (b) specifies how payments are calculated. Requires vendor payment.

Paragraph (c) requires the lesser payment to continue until the DWP family unit meets the 90-day residency requirement. Does not exempt a family unit that has not resided in Minnesota for 90 days from the payment provisions solely because a child is born in Minnesota to a member of the family unit.

Paragraph (d) provides that any eligible noncitizen who comes directly to Minnesota from another country, and whose United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) settlement destination is Minnesota, will receive the full DWP assistance standard. Applies the lesser of the payment standard in the other state or the standards under DWP for an eligible noncitizen if the USCIS settlement destination is another state.

Paragraph (e) requires assistance units to be eligible for the full amount of assistance based on DWP standards beginning either the month during which the 90-day residency requirement is met, if the 90th day occurs on or before the 15th of the month, or the following month if the 90th day occurs on the 16th of the month or after.

Paragraph (f) applies this policy whether or not the family unit received similar benefits while residing in the state of previous residence.

Paragraph (g) defines "state of immediate prior residence."

Paragraph (h) requires applicants to provide verification of their state of prior residence. Lists approved forms of verification.

- 5 **Temporary absence from Minnesota.** Amends § 256J.95, by adding subd. 22. Provides that the 90-day residency requirement for full benefits is not affected by a subsequent absence from Minnesota for fewer than 30 consecutive days, provided that the family unit maintains a residence in Minnesota and has met the 30-day MFIP and DWP residency requirement.
- 6 **Ineligible mandatory unit members.** Amends § 256J.95, by adding subd. 23. Provides that the 90-day residency requirement for full benefits does not apply if the family unit includes an ineligible mandatory family unit member who has resided in Minnesota for 90 consecutive days immediately before the unit's date of application.