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Overview

Under chapter 245C, an individual over the age of 13 living in a home where a program licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) is provided is subject to a background study. After the implementation of NetStudy 2.0, the new DHS background study system, all individuals must submit a photograph and fingerprints as part of a DHS background study. This bill would exempt individuals under 18 who live in licensed foster care homes from the fingerprint and photograph requirement, except in limited circumstances.

Section

- 1 Licensed programs; other child care programs. Amends § 245C.04, subd. 1. Adds crossreference to new subdivision governing background studies for minors living in licensed foster care homes.
- 2 Fingerprints and photograph. Amends § 245C.05, subd. 5. Adds cross-reference to new subdivision governing background studies for minors living in licensed foster care homes.
- **3 Background study requirements for minors living in a licensed foster care home.** Amends § 245C.05 by adding subd. 5a. (a) Specifies that a background study conducted for an individual aged 13 to 17 who lives in a licensed foster care home but does not receive licensed services shall submit information, listed in statute, that does not include fingerprints and photographs.

(b) Requires an individual specified under paragraph (a) to submit a fingerprint and photograph if the commissioner has reasonable cause to require a national criminal history check.