

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3635 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 256J.425, subdivision 3, is
1.4 amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 3. **Hard-to-employ participants.** (a) An assistance unit subject to the time
1.6 limit in section 256J.42, subdivision 1, is eligible to receive months of assistance under
1.7 a hardship extension if the participant who reached the time limit belongs to any of the
1.8 following groups:

1.9 (1) a person who is diagnosed by a licensed physician, psychological practitioner, or
1.10 other qualified professional, as developmentally disabled or mentally ill, and the condition
1.11 severely limits the person's ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment;

1.12 (2) a person who:

1.13 (i) has been assessed by a vocational specialist or the county agency to be
1.14 unemployable for purposes of this subdivision; or

1.15 (ii) has an IQ below 80 who has been assessed by a vocational specialist or a county
1.16 agency to be employable, but the condition severely limits the person's ability to obtain or
1.17 maintain suitable employment. The determination of IQ level must be made by a qualified
1.18 professional. In the case of a non-English-speaking person: (A) the determination must
1.19 be made by a qualified professional with experience conducting culturally appropriate
1.20 assessments, whenever possible; (B) the county may accept reports that identify an
1.21 IQ range as opposed to a specific score; (C) these reports must include a statement of
1.22 confidence in the results;

1.23 (3) a person who is determined by a qualified professional to be learning disabled,
1.24 and the condition severely limits the person's ability to obtain or maintain suitable
1.25 employment. For purposes of the initial approval of a learning disability extension, the
1.26 determination must have been made or confirmed within the previous 12 months. In the
1.27 case of a non-English-speaking person: (i) the determination must be made by a qualified

2.1 professional with experience conducting culturally appropriate assessments, whenever
2.2 possible; and (ii) these reports must include a statement of confidence in the results. If a
2.3 rehabilitation plan for a participant extended as learning disabled is developed or approved
2.4 by the county agency, the plan must be incorporated into the employment plan. However,
2.5 a rehabilitation plan does not replace the requirement to develop and comply with an
2.6 employment plan under section 256J.521; or

2.7 (4) a person who has been granted a family violence waiver, and who is complying
2.8 with an employment plan under section 256J.521, subdivision 3.

2.9 (b) For purposes of this ~~section~~ chapter, "severely limits the person's ability to obtain
2.10 or maintain suitable employment" means:

2.11 (1) that a qualified professional has determined that the person's condition prevents
2.12 the person from working 20 or more hours per week; or

2.13 (2) for a person who meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (2), item (ii), or
2.14 paragraph (a), clause (3), of this subdivision, a qualified professional has determined the
2.15 person's condition:

2.16 (i) significantly restricts the range of employment that the person is able to perform;

2.17 or

2.18 (ii) significantly interferes with the person's ability to obtain or maintain suitable
2.19 employment for 20 or more hours per week."

2.20 Amend the title accordingly