

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2476 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 CHILD PROTECTION AND SUPPORT

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256.01, subdivision 12b, is
1.6 amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 12b. **Department of Human Services systemic critical incident review team.** (a)
1.8 The commissioner may establish a Department of Human Services systemic critical incident
1.9 review team to review (1) critical incidents reported as required under section 626.557 for
1.10 which the Department of Human Services is responsible under section 626.5572, subdivision
1.11 13; chapter 245D; or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9544; or (2) child fatalities and near fatalities
1.12 that occur in licensed facilities and are not due to natural causes. When reviewing a critical
1.13 incident, the systemic critical incident review team shall identify systemic influences to the
1.14 incident rather than determine the culpability of any actors involved in the incident. The
1.15 systemic critical incident review may assess the entire critical incident process from the
1.16 point of an entity reporting the critical incident through the ongoing case management
1.17 process. Department staff shall lead and conduct the reviews and may utilize county staff
1.18 as reviewers. The systemic critical incident review process may include but is not limited
1.19 to:

1.20 (1) data collection about the incident and actors involved. Data may include the relevant
1.21 critical services; the service provider's policies and procedures applicable to the incident;
1.22 the community support plan as defined in section 245D.02, subdivision 4b, for the person
1.23 receiving services; or an interview of an actor involved in the critical incident or the review
1.24 of the critical incident. Actors may include:

- 2.1 (i) staff of the provider agency;
- 2.2 (ii) lead agency staff administering home and community-based services delivered by
2.3 the provider;
- 2.4 (iii) Department of Human Services staff with oversight of home and community-based
2.5 services;
- 2.6 (iv) Department of Health staff with oversight of home and community-based services;
- 2.7 (v) members of the community including advocates, legal representatives, health care
2.8 providers, pharmacy staff, or others with knowledge of the incident or the actors in the
2.9 incident; and
- 2.10 (vi) staff from the Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental
2.11 Disabilities and the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care;
- 2.12 (2) systemic mapping of the critical incident. The team conducting the systemic mapping
2.13 of the incident may include any actors identified in clause (1), designated representatives
2.14 of other provider agencies, regional teams, and representatives of the local regional quality
2.15 council identified in section 256B.097; and
- 2.16 (3) analysis of the case for systemic influences.
- 2.17 Data collected by the critical incident review team shall be aggregated and provided to
2.18 regional teams, participating regional quality councils, and the commissioner. The regional
2.19 teams and quality councils shall analyze the data and make recommendations to the
2.20 commissioner regarding systemic changes that would decrease the number and severity of
2.21 critical incidents in the future or improve the quality of the home and community-based
2.22 service system.
- 2.23 (b) Cases selected for the systemic critical incident review process shall be selected by
2.24 a selection committee among the following critical incident categories:
- 2.25 (1) cases of caregiver neglect identified in section 626.5572, subdivision 17;
- 2.26 (2) cases involving financial exploitation identified in section 626.5572, subdivision 9;
- 2.27 (3) incidents identified in section 245D.02, subdivision 11;
- 2.28 (4) behavior interventions identified in Minnesota Rules, part 9544.0110;
- 2.29 (5) service terminations reported to the department in accordance with section 245D.10,
2.30 subdivision 3a; and
- 2.31 (6) other incidents determined by the commissioner.

3.1 (c) The systemic critical incident review under this section shall not replace the process
3.2 for screening or investigating cases of alleged maltreatment of an adult under section 626.557
3.3 or of a child under chapter 260E. The department may select cases for systemic critical
3.4 incident review, under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, reported for suspected
3.5 maltreatment and closed following initial or final disposition.

3.6 (d) The proceedings and records of the review team are confidential data on individuals
3.7 or protected nonpublic data as defined in section 13.02, subdivisions 3 and 13. Data that
3.8 document a person's opinions formed as a result of the review are not subject to discovery
3.9 or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal action against a professional, the state,
3.10 or a county agency arising out of the matters that the team is reviewing. Information,
3.11 documents, and records otherwise available from other sources are not immune from
3.12 discovery or use in a civil or criminal action solely because the information, documents,
3.13 and records were assessed or presented during proceedings of the review team. A person
3.14 who presented information before the systemic critical incident review team or who is a
3.15 member of the team shall not be prevented from testifying about matters within the person's
3.16 knowledge. In a civil or criminal proceeding, a person shall not be questioned about opinions
3.17 formed by the person as a result of the review.

3.18 (e) By October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall prepare an annual public report
3.19 containing the following information:

3.20 (1) the number of cases reviewed under each critical incident category identified in
3.21 paragraph (b) and a geographical description of where cases under each category originated;

3.22 (2) an aggregate summary of the systemic themes from the critical incidents examined
3.23 by the critical incident review team during the previous year;

3.24 (3) a synopsis of the conclusions, incident analyses, or exploratory activities taken in
3.25 regard to the critical incidents examined by the critical incident review team; and

3.26 (4) recommendations made to the commissioner regarding systemic changes that could
3.27 decrease the number and severity of critical incidents in the future or improve the quality
3.28 of the home and community-based service system.

3.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.

3.30 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256N.26, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

3.31 Subd. 12. **Treatment of Supplemental Security Income.** (a) If a child placed in foster
3.32 care receives benefits through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at the time of foster
3.33 care placement or subsequent to placement in foster care, the financially responsible agency

4.1 may apply to be the payee for the child for the duration of the child's placement in foster
4.2 care. If a child continues to be eligible for SSI after finalization of the adoption or transfer
4.3 of permanent legal and physical custody and is determined to be eligible for a payment
4.4 under Northstar Care for Children, a permanent caregiver may choose to receive payment
4.5 from both programs simultaneously. The permanent caregiver is responsible to report the
4.6 amount of the payment to the Social Security Administration and the SSI payment will be
4.7 reduced as required by the Social Security Administration.

4.8 (b) If a financially responsible agency applies to be the payee for a child who receives
4.9 benefits through SSI, or receives the benefits under this subdivision on behalf of a child,
4.10 the financially responsible agency must provide written notice by certified mail, return
4.11 receipt requested to:

4.12 (1) the child, if the child is 13 years of age or older;

4.13 (2) the child's next of kin;

4.14 (3) the guardian ad litem;

4.15 (4) the legally responsible agency; and

4.16 (5) the counsel appointed for the child pursuant to section 260C.163, subdivision 3.

4.17 (c) If a financially responsible agency receives benefits under this subdivision on behalf
4.18 of a child 13 years of age or older, the legally responsible agency and the guardian ad litem
4.19 must disclose this information to the child in person in a manner that best helps the child
4.20 understand the information. This paragraph does not apply in circumstances where the child
4.21 is living outside of Minnesota.

4.22 (d) If a financially responsible agency receives the benefits under this subdivision on
4.23 behalf of a child, it cannot use those funds for any other purpose than the care of that child.
4.24 The financially responsible agency must not commingle any benefits received under this
4.25 subdivision and must not put the benefits received on behalf of a child under this subdivision
4.26 into a general fund.

4.27 (e) If a financially responsible agency receives any benefits under this subdivision, it
4.28 must keep a record of:

4.29 (1) the total dollar amount it received on behalf of all children it receives benefits for;

4.30 (2) the total number of children it applied to be a payee for; and

4.31 (3) the total number of children it received benefits for.

5.1 (f) By January 1 of each year, each financially responsible agency must submit a report
5.2 to the commissioner of human services that includes the information required under this
5.3 paragraph. By January 31 of each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs
5.4 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over child
5.5 protection that compiles the information provided to the commissioner by each financially
5.6 responsible agency under paragraph (e); subdivision 13, paragraph (e); and section
5.7 260C.4411, subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

5.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256N.26, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

5.9 **Subd. 13. Treatment of retirement survivor's disability insurance, veteran's benefits,**
5.10 **railroad retirement benefits, and black lung benefits.** (a) If a child placed in foster care
5.11 receives retirement survivor's disability insurance, veteran's benefits, railroad retirement
5.12 benefits, or black lung benefits at the time of foster care placement or subsequent to
5.13 placement in foster care, the financially responsible agency may apply to be the payee for
5.14 the child for the duration of the child's placement in foster care. If it is anticipated that a
5.15 child will be eligible to receive retirement survivor's disability insurance, veteran's benefits,
5.16 railroad retirement benefits, or black lung benefits after finalization of the adoption or
5.17 assignment of permanent legal and physical custody, the permanent caregiver shall apply
5.18 to be the payee of those benefits on the child's behalf.

5.19 (b) If the financially responsible agency applies to be the payee for a child who receives
5.20 retirement survivor's disability insurance, veteran's benefits, railroad retirement benefits,
5.21 or black lung benefits, or receives the benefits under this subdivision on behalf of a child,
5.22 the financially responsible agency must provide written notice by certified mail, return
5.23 receipt requested to:

5.24 (1) the child, if the child is 13 years of age or older;

5.25 (2) the child's next of kin;

5.26 (3) the guardian ad litem;

5.27 (4) the legally responsible agency; and

5.28 (5) the counsel appointed for the child pursuant to section 260C.163, subdivision 3.

5.29 (c) If a financially responsible agency receives benefits under this subdivision on behalf
5.30 of a child 13 years of age or older, the legally responsible agency and the guardian ad litem
5.31 must disclose this information to the child in person in a manner that best helps the child
5.32 understand the information. This paragraph does not apply in circumstances where the child
5.33 is living outside of Minnesota.

6.1 (d) If a financially responsible agency receives the benefits under this subdivision on
6.2 behalf of a child, it cannot use those funds for any other purpose than the care of that child.
6.3 The financially responsible agency must not commingle any benefits received under this
6.4 subdivision and must not put the benefits received on behalf of a child under this subdivision
6.5 into a general fund.

6.6 (e) If a financially responsible agency receives any benefits under this subdivision, it
6.7 must keep a record of:

6.8 (1) the total dollar amount it received on behalf of all children it receives benefits for;

6.9 (2) the total number of children it applied to be a payee for; and

6.10 (3) the total number of children it received benefits for.

6.11 (f) By January 1 of each year, each financially responsible agency must submit a report
6.12 to the commissioner of human services that includes the information required under paragraph
6.13 (e).

6.14 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 260C.4411, is amended by adding a subdivision
6.15 to read:

6.16 Subd. 3. **Notice.** (a) If the county of financial responsibility under section 256G.02 or
6.17 Tribal agency authorized under section 256.01, subdivision 14b, receives any benefits under
6.18 subdivision 2 on behalf of a child, it must provide written notice by certified mail, return
6.19 receipt requested to:

6.20 (1) the child, if the child is 13 years of age or older;

6.21 (2) the child's next of kin;

6.22 (3) the guardian ad litem;

6.23 (4) the legally responsible agency as defined in section 256N.02, subdivision 14; and

6.24 (5) the counsel appointed for the child pursuant to section 260C.163, subdivision 3.

6.25 (b) If the county of financial responsibility under section 256G.02 or Tribal agency
6.26 authorized under section 256.01, subdivision 14b, receives benefits under this subdivision
6.27 on behalf of a child 13 years of age or older, the legally responsible agency as defined in
6.28 section 256N.02, subdivision 14, and the guardian ad litem must disclose this information
6.29 to the child in person in a manner that best helps the child understand the information. This
6.30 paragraph does not apply in circumstances where the child is living outside of Minnesota.

7.1 (c) If the county of financial responsibility under section 256G.02 or Tribal agency
7.2 authorized under section 256.01, subdivision 14b, receives the benefits under this subdivision
7.3 on behalf of a child, it cannot use those funds for any other purpose than the care of that
7.4 child. The county of financial responsibility or Tribal agency must not commingle any
7.5 benefits received under this subdivision and must not put the benefits received on behalf of
7.6 a child under subdivision 2 into a general fund.

7.7 (d) If the county of financial responsibility under section 256G.02 or Tribal agency
7.8 authorized under section 256.01, subdivision 14b, receives any benefits under subdivision
7.9 2, it must keep a record of the total dollar amount it received on behalf of all children it
7.10 receives benefits for and the total number of children it receives benefits for. By January 1
7.11 of each year, the county of financial responsibility and Tribal agency must submit a report
7.12 to the commissioner of human services that includes the information required under this
7.13 paragraph.

7.14 **Sec. 5. [260E.39] CHILD FATALITY AND NEAR FATALITY REVIEW.**

7.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
7.16 meanings given:

7.17 (1) "critical incident" means a child fatality or near fatality in which maltreatment was
7.18 a known or suspected contributing cause;

7.19 (2) "joint review" means the critical incident review conducted by the child mortality
7.20 review panel jointly with the local review team under subdivision 4, paragraph (b);

7.21 (3) "local review" means the local critical incident review conducted by the local review
7.22 team under subdivision 4, paragraph (c);

7.23 (4) "local review team" means a local child mortality review team established under
7.24 subdivision 2; and

7.25 (5) "panel" means the child mortality review panel established under subdivision 3.

7.26 Subd. 2. **Local child mortality review teams.** (a) Each county shall establish a
7.27 multidisciplinary local child mortality review team and shall participate in local critical
7.28 incident reviews that are based on safety science principles to support a culture of learning.
7.29 The local welfare agency's child protection team may serve as the local review team. The
7.30 local review team shall include but not be limited to professionals with knowledge of the
7.31 critical incident being reviewed and, if the critical incident being reviewed involved an
7.32 Indian child as defined in section 260.755, subdivision 8, at least one representative from
7.33 the child's Tribe.

8.1 (b) The local review team shall conduct reviews of critical incidents jointly with the
8.2 child mortality review panel or as otherwise required under subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

8.3 Subd. 3. **Child mortality review panel; establishment and membership.** (a) The
8.4 commissioner shall establish a child mortality review panel to review critical incidents
8.5 attributed to child maltreatment. The purpose of the panel is to identify systemic changes
8.6 to improve child safety and well-being and recommend modifications in statute, rule, policy,
8.7 and procedure.

8.8 (b) The panel shall consist of:

8.9 (1) the commissioner of children, youth, and families, or a designee;

8.10 (2) the commissioner of human services, or a designee;

8.11 (3) the commissioner of health, or a designee;

8.12 (4) the commissioner of education, or a designee;

8.13 (5) a judge, appointed by the Minnesota judicial branch; and

8.14 (6) other members appointed by the governor, including but not limited to:

8.15 (i) a physician who is a medical examiner;

8.16 (ii) a physician who is a child abuse specialist pediatrician;

8.17 (iii) a county attorney who works on child protection cases;

8.18 (iv) two current child protection supervisors for local welfare agencies, each of whom
8.19 has previous experience as a frontline child protection worker;

8.20 (v) a current local welfare agency director who has previous experience as a frontline
8.21 child protection worker or supervisor;

8.22 (vi) two current child protection supervisors or directors for Tribal child welfare agencies,
8.23 each of whom has previous experience as a frontline child protection worker or supervisor;

8.24 (vii) a county or Tribal public health worker; and

8.25 (viii) a member representing law enforcement.

8.26 (c) The governor shall designate one member as chair of the panel from the members
8.27 listed in paragraph (b), clauses (5) and (6).

8.28 (d) Members of the panel shall serve terms of four years for an unlimited number of
8.29 terms. A member of the panel may be removed by the appointing authority for the member.

8.30 (e) The commissioner shall employ an executive director for the panel to:

9.1 (1) provide administrative support to the panel and the chair, including providing the
9.2 panel with critical incident notices submitted by local welfare agencies;

9.3 (2) compile and synthesize information for the panel;

9.4 (3) draft recommendations and reports for the panel's final approval; and

9.5 (4) conduct or otherwise direct training and consultation under subdivision 7.

9.6 Subd. 4. **Critical incident review process.** (a) A local welfare agency that has determined
9.7 that maltreatment was the cause of or a contributing factor in a critical incident must notify
9.8 the commissioner and the executive director of the panel within three business days of
9.9 making the determination.

9.10 (b) The panel shall conduct a joint review with the local review team for:

9.11 (1) any critical incident relating to a family, child, or caregiver involved in a local welfare
9.12 agency family assessment or investigation within the 12 months preceding the critical
9.13 incident;

9.14 (2) a critical incident the governor or commissioner directs the panel to review; and

9.15 (3) any other critical incident the panel chooses for review.

9.16 (c) The local review team must review all critical incident cases not subject to joint
9.17 review under paragraph (b).

9.18 (d) Within 120 days of initiating a joint review or local review of a critical incident,
9.19 except as provided under paragraph (h), the panel or local review team shall complete the
9.20 joint review or local review and compile a report. The report must include any systemic
9.21 learnings that may increase child safety and well-being, and may include policy or practice
9.22 considerations for systems changes that may improve child well-being and safety.

9.23 (e) A local review team must provide its report following a local review to the panel
9.24 within three business days after the report is complete. After receiving the local review team
9.25 report, the panel may conduct a further joint review.

9.26 (f) Following the panel's joint review or after receiving a local review team report, the
9.27 panel may make recommendations to any state or local agency, branch of government, or
9.28 system partner to improve child safety and well-being.

9.29 (g) The commissioner shall conduct additional information gathering as requested by
9.30 the panel or the local review team. The commissioner must conduct information gathering
9.31 for all cases for which the panel requests assistance. The commissioner shall compile a

10.1 summary report for each critical incident for which information gathering is conducted and
10.2 provide the report to the panel and the local welfare agency that reported the critical incident.

10.3 (h) If the panel or local review team requests information gathering from the
10.4 commissioner, the panel or local review team may conduct the joint review or local review
10.5 and compile its report under paragraph (d) after receiving the commissioner's summary
10.6 information-gathering report. The timeline for a local or joint review under paragraph (d)
10.7 may be extended if the panel or local review team requests additional information gathering
10.8 to complete their review. If the local review team extends the timeline for its review and
10.9 report, the local welfare agency must notify the executive director of the panel of the
10.10 extension and the expected completion date.

10.11 (i) The review of any critical incident shall proceed as specified in this section, regardless
10.12 of the status of any pending litigation or other active investigation.

10.13 **Subd. 5. Critical incident reviews; data practices and immunity.** (a) In conducting
10.14 reviews, the panel, the local review team, and the commissioner shall have access to not
10.15 public data under chapter 13 maintained by state agencies, statewide systems, or political
10.16 subdivisions that are related to the child's critical incident or circumstances surrounding the
10.17 care of the child. The panel, the local review team, and the commissioner shall also have
10.18 access to records of private hospitals as necessary to carry out the duties prescribed by this
10.19 section. A state agency, statewide system, or political subdivision shall provide the data
10.20 upon request from the commissioner. Not public data may be shared with members of the
10.21 panel, a local review team, or the commissioner in connection with an individual case.

10.22 (b) Notwithstanding the data's classification in the possession of any other agency, data
10.23 acquired by a local review team, the panel, or the commissioner in the exercise of their
10.24 duties are protected nonpublic or confidential data as defined in section 13.02 but may be
10.25 disclosed as necessary to carry out the duties of the review team, panel, or commissioner.
10.26 The data are not subject to subpoena or discovery.

10.27 (c) The commissioner shall disclose information regarding a critical incident upon request
10.28 but shall not disclose data that was classified as confidential or private data on decedents
10.29 under section 13.10 or private, confidential, or protected nonpublic data in the disseminating
10.30 agency, except that the commissioner may disclose local social service agency data as
10.31 provided in section 260E.35 on individual cases involving a critical incident with a person
10.32 served by the local social service agency prior to the date of the critical incident.

10.33 (d) A person attending a local review team or child mortality review panel meeting shall
10.34 not disclose what transpired at the meeting except to carry out the purposes of the local

11.1 review team or panel. The commissioner shall not disclose what transpired during its
11.2 information-gathering process except to carry out the duties of the commissioner. The
11.3 proceedings and records of the local review team, the panel, and the commissioner are
11.4 protected nonpublic data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 13, and are not subject to
11.5 discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal action. Information, documents,
11.6 and records otherwise available from other sources are not immune from discovery or use
11.7 in a civil or criminal action solely because they were presented during proceedings of the
11.8 local review team, the panel, or the commissioner.

11.9 (e) A person who presented information before the local review team, the panel, or the
11.10 commissioner or who is a member of the local review team or the panel, or an employee
11.11 conducting information gathering as designated by the commissioner, shall not be prevented
11.12 from testifying about matters within the person's knowledge. However, in a civil or criminal
11.13 proceeding, a person may not be questioned about the person's presentation of information
11.14 to the local review team, the panel, or the commissioner, or about the information reviewed
11.15 or discussed during a critical incident review or the information-gathering process, any
11.16 conclusions drawn or recommendations made related to information gathering or a critical
11.17 incident review, or opinions formed by the person as a result of the panel or review team
11.18 meetings.

11.19 (f) A person who presented information before the local review team, the panel, or the
11.20 commissioner, or who is a member of the local review team or the panel, or an employee
11.21 conducting information gathering as designated by the commissioner, is immune from any
11.22 civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result from the person's presentation or
11.23 statements if the person was acting in good faith and assisting with information gathering
11.24 or in a critical incident review under this section.

11.25 Subd. 6. **Child mortality review panel; annual report.** Beginning December 15, 2026,
11.26 and on or before December 15 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall publish a report
11.27 of the child mortality review panel. The report shall include but not be limited to de-identified
11.28 summary data on the number of critical incidents reported to the panel, the number of critical
11.29 incidents reviewed by the panel and local review teams, and systemic learnings identified
11.30 by the panel or local review teams during the period covered by the report. The report shall
11.31 also include recommendations on improving the child protection system, including
11.32 modifications to statutes, rules, policies, and procedures. The panel may make
11.33 recommendations to the legislature or any state or local agency at any time, outside of its
11.34 annual report.

12.1 Subd. 7. Local welfare agency critical incident review training. The commissioner
 12.2 shall provide training and support to local review teams and the panel to assist with local
 12.3 or joint review processes and procedures. The commissioner shall also provide consultation
 12.4 to local review teams and the panel conducting local or joint reviews pursuant to this section.

12.5 Subd. 8. Culture of learning and improvement. The local review teams and panel
 12.6 shall advance and support a culture of learning and improvement within Minnesota's child
 12.7 welfare system.

12.8 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025.

12.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 518A.42, subdivision 3, is amended
 12.10 to read:

12.11 Subd. 3. Exception. (a) ~~This section~~ The minimum basic support amount under
 12.12 subdivision 2 does not apply to an obligor who is incarcerated ~~or is a recipient of a general~~
 12.13 ~~assistance grant, Supplemental Security Income, temporary assistance for needy families~~
 12.14 ~~(TANF) grant, or comparable state-funded Minnesota family investment program (MFIP)~~
 12.15 ~~benefits.~~

12.16 (b) The minimum basic support amount under subdivision 2 does not apply to an obligor
 12.17 who is a recipient of:

12.18 (1) a general assistance grant;

12.19 (2) Supplement Security Income;

12.20 (3) a Temporary Assistancess for Needy Families (TANF) grant; or

12.21 (4) comparable state-funded Minnesota family investment program (MFIP) benefits.

12.22 ~~(b)~~ (c) If the court finds the obligor receives no income and completely lacks the ability
 12.23 to earn income, the minimum basic support amount under ~~this~~ subdivision 2 does not apply.

12.24 ~~(e)~~ (d) If the obligor's basic support amount is reduced below the minimum basic support
 12.25 amount due to the application of the parenting expense adjustment, the minimum basic
 12.26 support amount under ~~this~~ subdivision 2 does not apply and the lesser amount is the guideline
 12.27 basic support.

12.28 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 14, section 42, is amended by adding a subdivision
 12.29 to read:

12.30 Subd. 9. Compensation. Compensation of board members is governed by Minnesota
 12.31 Statutes, section 15.0575.

13.1 Sec. 8. SUPREME COURT COUNCIL ON CHILD PROTECTION.

13.2 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The chief justice of the supreme court is invited to
13.3 establish a Supreme Court Council on Child Protection as part of Minnesota's Court
13.4 Improvement Program, the Children's Justice Initiative, authorized under Public Law
13.5 116-260, Division CC, title III, section 305, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of
13.6 2021, to develop a comprehensive blueprint to improve Minnesota's child protection system.

13.7 Subd. 2. Membership. The council must consist of the following members:

13.8 (1) the chief justice of the supreme court or a designee;

13.9 (2) at least one representative of the executive branch, appointed by the governor;

13.10 (3) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
13.11 house and one appointed by the house minority leader;

13.12 (4) two members of the senate, one appointed by the senate majority leader and one
13.13 appointed by the senate minority leader;

13.14 (5) members representing Indian Tribes, including Tribal courts, appointed by the
13.15 executive board of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;

13.16 (6) professionals, including law enforcement officers, with substantial experience
13.17 responding to reports of child maltreatment, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme
13.18 court;

13.19 (7) professionals with experience providing child protective services, foster care, adoption
13.20 services, and postpermanency services, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

13.21 (8) legal professionals and guardians ad litem with significant experience in juvenile
13.22 protection matters, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

13.23 (9) educational professionals, including professionals with experience in early childhood
13.24 education and providing educational services to children with disabilities, appointed by the
13.25 chief justice of the supreme court;

13.26 (10) professionals from nonprofit community organizations with experience providing
13.27 services and supports to children, parents, and relatives involved in child maltreatment and
13.28 juvenile protection matters, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

13.29 (11) professionals with expertise on childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences,
13.30 appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

14.1 (12) professionals with expertise providing services to persons with disabilities involved
14.2 with the child protection system, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court; and

14.3 (13) persons with lived experience as a parent or child involved with the child protection
14.4 system, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

14.5 Subd. 3. **Organization and administration.** (a) The council is governed by Minnesota
14.6 Statutes, section 15.059, except that subdivision 6 does not apply. The state court
14.7 administrator must provide the council with staff support, office and meeting space, and
14.8 access to office equipment and services.

14.9 (b) Council members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The chief justice
14.10 of the supreme court must select a chair from among the members. The council may select
14.11 other officers, subcommittees, and work groups as it deems necessary.

14.12 Subd. 4. **Meetings.** (a) The council must meet at the call of the chair.

14.13 (b) The chair must convene the council's first meeting, which must occur by September
14.14 15, 2024.

14.15 Subd. 5. **Duties.** The council must develop a comprehensive blueprint for improvement
14.16 that addresses all aspects of the child protection system, including prevention and early
14.17 intervention, by:

14.18 (1) reviewing policies, laws, practices, latest research, and data related to children in the
14.19 child protection system;

14.20 (2) gathering information through surveys or focus groups, including consultation with
14.21 individuals who have lived experience with the child protection system; and

14.22 (3) making recommendations for changes in policies and law that are designed to improve
14.23 outcomes for children in the child protection system or at risk of maltreatment.

14.24 Subd. 6. **Reports.** By January 15, 2025, the Supreme Court Council on Child Protection
14.25 must submit a progress report on the council's duties under subdivision 5 to the governor,
14.26 the chief justice of the supreme court, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
14.27 legislative committees with jurisdiction over child protection. By January 15, 2026, the
14.28 council must submit its final report to the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court,
14.29 and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
14.30 over child protection, detailing the comprehensive blueprint developed under subdivision
14.31 5.

15.1 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The Supreme Court Council on Child Protection expires upon the
15.2 submission of its final report under subdivision 6.

15.3 Sec. 9. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; CHILD MALTREATMENT**
15.4 **REPORTING SYSTEMS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

15.5 The commissioner of human services must review current child maltreatment reporting
15.6 processes and systems in various states and evaluate the costs and benefits of each reviewed
15.7 state's system. In consultation with stakeholders, including but not limited to counties,
15.8 Tribes, and organizations with expertise in child maltreatment prevention and child
15.9 protection, the commissioner must develop recommendations on implementing a statewide
15.10 common entry point system for reporting child maltreatment in Minnesota, outlining the
15.11 benefits, challenges, and costs of such a transition. By December 1, 2024, the commissioner
15.12 must submit a report detailing the commissioner's recommendations to the chairs and ranking
15.13 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over child protection. The
15.14 commissioner must also publish the report on the department's website.

15.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

15.16 Sec. 10. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; CHILD**
15.17 **WELFARE FISCAL ANALYSIS.**

15.18 Subdivision 1. **Child welfare fiscal analysis.** The commissioner of human services must
15.19 contract with a third-party consultant selected according to subdivision 2.

15.20 Subd. 2. **Fiscal analysis consultant selection.** The commissioner, in consultation with
15.21 the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, community
15.22 nonprofits, community providers, and other child welfare system stakeholders, must select
15.23 a third-party independent consultant to conduct the fiscal analysis required under this section.
15.24 The consultant must have expertise in and experience with child welfare systems and
15.25 conducting fiscal analyses.

15.26 Subd. 3. **Child welfare fiscal analysis requirements.** When conducting the child welfare
15.27 fiscal analysis under this section, the third-party consultant must evaluate:

15.28 (1) financial systems in Minnesota's child welfare system and funding sources available
15.29 to the child welfare system;

15.30 (2) current state, county, and Tribal agency staff responsible for child welfare system
15.31 budgeting and reimbursement, and the staff skills and resources necessary to obtain, manage,
15.32 and distribute federal funds to counties and Tribal Nations;

16.1 (3) the state's access to and use of funding or reimbursements under federal Title IV-E
16.2 and Title IV-B, the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, TANF, Medicaid,
16.3 the federal Social Services Block Grant Program, and other federal funds for expenses
16.4 related to child welfare, including legal representation, training, and prevention services;

16.5 (4) relevant information needed to secure available federal funds for the child welfare
16.6 system;

16.7 (5) the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act and related claim
16.8 processes;

16.9 (6) the social service information system, including the system's ability to efficiently
16.10 integrate child welfare information and to manage, track, and share information between
16.11 the state, counties, and Tribal Nations;

16.12 (7) federal Title IV-E attorney and training reimbursements in the state and all allowable
16.13 Title IV-E administrative costs; and

16.14 (8) the Tribal consultation policy under Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65, and how
16.15 often the consultations occur.

16.16 Subd. 4. **Report on fiscal analysis.** By June 30, 2026, the third-party consultant who
16.17 conducted the child welfare fiscal analysis under this section must submit a final report to
16.18 the commissioner of human services and the chairs and ranking minority members of the
16.19 legislative committees with jurisdiction over the child welfare system. The final report must
16.20 include the findings from the fiscal analysis required in this section. The report must also
16.21 include recommendations on:

16.22 (1) whether Minnesota should increase state investment into the child welfare system;

16.23 (2) how to maximize the state's receipt of federal reimbursements;

16.24 (3) legislative proposals for any necessary statutory changes; and

16.25 (4) administrative and fiscal resources needed to implement necessary statutory changes.

16.26 Subd. 5. **Tribal participation.** Each of Minnesota's 11 federally recognized Tribal
16.27 Nations may participate in the fiscal analysis required under this section. Tribal Nations
16.28 that choose to participate have sovereignty over data they choose to share with the consultant,
16.29 or other individuals or entities, and may request that their data not be included in any public
16.30 documents.

17.1 Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**17.2 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.01, subdivisions 12 and 12a, are repealed.17.3 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0232, subpart 5, is repealed.17.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.17.5 **ARTICLE 2**17.6 **ECONOMIC SUPPORTS**17.7 Section 1. **[256D.66] CAMPUS-BASED EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**17.8 **PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION.**

17.9 Subdivision 1. **Designation.** (a) Within six months of the effective date of this section,
 17.10 the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must, and the Board of
 17.11 Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to, submit an application to the
 17.12 commissioner of human services verifying whether each of its institutions meets the
 17.13 requirements to be a campus-based employment and training program that qualifies for the
 17.14 student exemption for supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) eligibility, as
 17.15 described in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 273.5(b)(11)(iv).

17.16 (b) An institution of higher education must be designated as a campus-based employment
 17.17 and training program by the commissioner of human services if that institution meets the
 17.18 requirements set forth in the guidance under subdivision 3. The commissioner of human
 17.19 services must maintain a list of approved programs on its website.

17.20 Subd. 2. **Student eligibility.** A student is eligible to participate in a campus-based
 17.21 employment and training program under this section if they are enrolled in:

17.22 (1) a public two-year community or technical college and received a state grant under
 17.23 section 136A.121, received a federal Pell grant, or has a student aid index of \$0 or less;

17.24 (2) a Tribal college as defined in section 136A.62 and received a state grant under section
 17.25 136A.121, received a federal Pell grant, or has a student aid index of \$0 or less; or

17.26 (3) a public four-year university and received a state grant under section 136A.121,
 17.27 received a federal Pell grant, or has a student aid index of \$0 or less.

17.28 Subd. 3. **Guidance.** Within three months of the effective date of this section and annually
 17.29 thereafter, the commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of
 17.30 higher education, must issue guidance to counties, Tribal Nations, Tribal colleges, and
 17.31 Minnesota public postsecondary institutions that:

18.1 (1) clarifies the state and federal eligibility requirements for campus-based employment
18.2 and training programs for low-income households;

18.3 (2) clarifies the application process for campus-based employment and training programs
18.4 for low-income households including, but not limited to, providing a list of the supporting
18.5 documents required for program approval;

18.6 (3) clarifies how students in an institution of higher education approved as campus-based
18.7 employment and training program for low-income households qualify for a SNAP student
18.8 exemption; and

18.9 (4) clarifies the SNAP eligibility criteria for students that qualify for a SNAP student
18.10 exemption under this section.

18.11 Subd. 4. **Application.** Within three months of the effective date of this section, the
18.12 commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of higher education,
18.13 must design an application for institutions of higher education to apply for a campus-based
18.14 employment and training program designation.

18.15 Subd. 5. **Notice.** At the beginning of each academic semester, an institution of higher
18.16 education with a designated campus-based employment and training program must send a
18.17 letter to students eligible under this section to inform them that they may qualify for SNAP
18.18 benefits and direct them to resources to apply. The letter under this subdivision shall serve
18.19 as proof of a student's enrollment in a campus-based employment and training program.

18.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon federal approval. The commissioner
18.21 of human services must notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

18.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, is amended
18.23 to read:

18.24 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

18.25 (b) "Eligible educational institution" means the following:

18.26 (1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher
18.27 Education Act of 1965; or

18.28 (2) an area vocational education school, as defined in subparagraph (C) or (D) of United
18.29 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (3) (the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and
18.30 Applied Technology Education Act), which is located within any state, as defined in United
18.31 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (30). This clause is applicable only to the
18.32 extent section 2302 is in effect on August 1, 2008.

19.1 (c) "Family asset account" means a savings account opened by a household participating
19.2 in the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.

19.3 (d) "Fiduciary organization" means:

19.4 (1) a community action agency that has obtained recognition under section 256E.31;

19.5 (2) a federal community development credit union;

19.6 (3) a women-oriented economic development agency;

19.7 (4) a federally recognized Tribal Nation; or

19.8 (5) a nonprofit organization as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
19.9 Code.

19.10 (e) "Financial coach" means a person who:

19.11 (1) has completed an intensive financial literacy training workshop that includes
19.12 curriculum on budgeting to increase savings, debt reduction and asset building, building a
19.13 good credit rating, and consumer protection;

19.14 (2) participates in ongoing statewide family assets for independence in Minnesota (FAIM)
19.15 network training meetings under FAIM program supervision; and

19.16 (3) provides financial coaching to program participants under subdivision 4a.

19.17 (f) "Financial institution" means a bank, bank and trust, savings bank, savings association,
19.18 or credit union, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance
19.19 Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.

19.20 (g) "Household" means all individuals who share finances and use of a dwelling unit as
19.21 primary quarters for living and eating separate from other individuals. Sharing finances
19.22 does not include situations in which a person is living in the same dwelling unit as others
19.23 without sharing any other financial arrangements.

19.24 (h) "Permissible use" means:

19.25 (1) postsecondary educational expenses at an eligible educational institution as defined
19.26 in paragraph (b), including books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction;

19.27 (2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including
19.28 any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;

19.29 (3) business capitalization expenses for expenditures on capital, plant, equipment, working
19.30 capital, and inventory expenses of a legitimate business pursuant to a business plan approved
19.31 by the fiduciary organization;

20.1 (4) acquisition costs of a principal residence within the meaning of section 1034 of the
 20.2 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which do not exceed 100 percent of the average area purchase
 20.3 price applicable to the residence determined according to section 143(e)(2) and (3) of the
 20.4 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

20.5 (5) acquisition costs of a personal vehicle only if approved by the fiduciary organization;

20.6 (6) contributions to an emergency savings account; and

20.7 (7) contributions to a Minnesota 529 savings plan.

20.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

20.9 Subd. 5. **Household eligibility; participation.** (a) To be eligible for ~~state or TANF~~
 20.10 ~~matching funds in~~ the family assets for independence initiative, a household must ~~meet the~~
 20.11 ~~eligibility requirements of the federal Assets for Independence Act, Public Law 105-285,~~
 20.12 ~~in Title IV, section 408 of that act~~ have maximum income that is equal to or less than the
 20.13 greater of:

20.14 (1) 50 percent of the area median income as determined by the United States Department
 20.15 of Housing and Urban Development; or

20.16 (2) 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

20.17 (b) To be eligible for state matching funds under this section, a household must meet
 20.18 the requirements of this section.

20.19 ~~(b)~~ (c) Each participating household must sign a family asset agreement that includes
 20.20 the amount of scheduled deposits into its savings account, the proposed use, and the proposed
 20.21 savings goal. A participating household must agree to complete an economic literacy training
 20.22 program.

20.23 ~~(e)~~ (d) Participating households may only deposit money that is derived from household
 20.24 earned income or from state and federal income tax credits.

20.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256E.38, subdivision 4, is amended
 20.26 to read:

20.27 Subd. 4. **Eligible uses of grant money.** An eligible applicant that receives grant money
 20.28 under this section shall use the money to purchase diapers and wipes and may use up to
 20.29 ~~four~~ ten percent of the money for administrative costs.

ARTICLE 3**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS****Section 1. EMERGENCY SHELTER NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR LGBTQIA+ YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.**

(a) The commissioner of human services must contract with the Wilder Foundation to conduct a needs analysis for emergency shelter serving LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness and to conduct site analysis and develop a plan for building the emergency shelter.

(b) In conducting the needs analysis under this section, the Wilder Foundation must consider:

(1) the number of individuals needing emergency shelter at any given time;

(2) the age ranges of the individuals who would be served;

(3) the types of support services needed when individuals arrive at the shelter;

(4) the outreach necessary to let LGBTQIA+ individuals know that emergency shelter is available; and

(5) where individuals needing emergency shelter are coming from.

(c) No later than December 15, 2024, the commissioner must submit a written report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over services for persons experiencing homelessness with the results of the needs analysis, recommendations for a site location, and the plan for building the emergency shelter, as required under this section.

Sec. 2. PREGNANT AND PARENTING HOMELESS YOUTH STUDY.

(a) The commissioner of human services must contract with the Wilder Foundation to conduct a study of:

(1) the statewide numbers and unique needs of pregnant and parenting youth experiencing homelessness; and

(2) best practices in supporting pregnant and parenting homeless youth within programming, emergency shelter, and housing settings.

(b) The Wilder Foundation must submit a final report to the commissioner by December 31, 2025. The commissioner shall submit the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over homeless youth services finance and policy.

ARTICLE 4

CHILD CARE LICENSING

Section 1. [142B.171] CHILD CARE WEIGHTED RISK SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Implementation.** The commissioner shall develop and implement a child care weighted risk system that provides a tiered licensing enforcement framework for child care licensing requirements in this chapter or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502 or 9503.

Subd. 2. **Documented technical assistance.** (a) In lieu of a correction order under section 142B.16, the commissioner shall provide documented technical assistance to a family child care or child care center license holder if the commissioner finds that:

(1) the license holder has failed to comply with a requirement in this chapter or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502 or 9503, that the commissioner determines to be low risk as determined by the child care weighted risk system;

(2) the noncompliance does not imminently endanger the health, safety, or rights of the persons served by the program; and

(3) the license holder did not receive documented technical assistance or a correction order for the same violation at the license holder's most recent annual licensing inspection.

(b) Documented technical assistance must include communication from the commissioner to the license holder that:

(1) states the conditions that constitute a violation of a law or rule;

(2) references the specific law or rule violated; and

(3) explains remedies for correcting the violation.

(c) The commissioner shall not publicly publish documented technical assistance on the department's website.

Sec. 2. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245A.065, is repealed.

23.1 **ARTICLE 5**

23.2 **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

23.3 Section 1. [142A.045] CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

23.4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

23.5 (a) An intergovernmental advisory committee is established to provide advice,
 23.6 consultation, and recommendations to the commissioner on the planning, design,
 23.7 administration, funding, and evaluation of services to children, youth, and families.

23.8 Notwithstanding section 15.059, the commissioner, the Association of Minnesota Counties,
 23.9 and the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators must codevelop
 23.10 and execute a process to administer the committee that ensures each county is represented.
 23.11 The committee must meet at least quarterly and special meetings may be called by the
 23.12 committee chair or a majority of the members.

23.13 (b) Subject to section 15.059, the commissioner may reimburse committee members or
 23.14 their alternates for allowable expenses while engaged in their official duties as committee
 23.15 members.

23.16 (c) Notwithstanding section 15.059, the intergovernmental advisory committee does not
 23.17 expire.

23.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.975, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

23.19 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The ombudsperson's duties shall include:

23.20 (1) advocating on behalf of a family child care provider to address all areas of concern
 23.21 related to the provision of child care services, including licensing monitoring activities,
 23.22 licensing actions, and other interactions with state and county licensing staff;

23.23 (2) providing recommendations for family child care improvement or family child care
 23.24 provider education;

23.25 (3) operating a telephone line to answer questions, receive complaints, and discuss
 23.26 agency actions when a family child care provider believes that the provider's rights or
 23.27 program may have been adversely affected; and

23.28 (4) assisting a family child care license applicant with navigating the application process.

23.29 (b) The ombudsperson must report annually by December 31 to the commissioner of
 23.30 children, youth, and families and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
 23.31 committees with jurisdiction over child care on the services provided by the ombudsperson
 23.32 to child care providers, including the number and locations of child care providers served

24.1 and the activities of the ombudsperson in carrying out the duties under this section. The
24.2 commissioner shall determine the form of the report and may specify additional reporting
24.3 requirements.

24.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.975, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

24.5 Subd. 4. **Access to records.** (a) The ombudsperson or designee, excluding volunteers,
24.6 has access to any data of a state agency necessary for the discharge of the ombudsperson's
24.7 duties, including records classified as confidential data on individuals or private data on
24.8 individuals under chapter 13 or any other law. The ombudsperson's data request must relate
24.9 to a specific case and is subject to section 13.03, subdivision 4. If the data concerns an
24.10 individual, the ombudsperson or designee shall first obtain the individual's consent. If the
24.11 individual is unable to consent and has no parent or legal guardian, then the ombudsperson's
24.12 or designee's access to the data is authorized by this section.

24.13 (b) The ombudsperson and designees must adhere to the Minnesota Government Data
24.14 Practices Act and must not disseminate any private or confidential data on individuals unless
24.15 specifically authorized by state, local, or federal law or pursuant to a court order.

24.16 (c) The commissioner of human services; the commissioner of children, youth, and
24.17 families; and any county agency must provide the ombudsperson copies of all fix-it tickets,
24.18 correction orders, and licensing actions issued to family child care providers.

24.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.975, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

24.20 Subd. 9. **Posting.** (a) The commissioner of children, youth, and families shall post on
24.21 the department's website the mailing address, email address, and telephone number for the
24.22 office of the ombudsperson. The commissioner shall provide family child care providers
24.23 with the mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the ombudsperson's office
24.24 on the family child care licensing website and upon request of a family child care applicant
24.25 or provider. Counties must provide family child care applicants and providers with the
24.26 name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the ombudsperson's office
24.27 upon request.

24.28 (b) The ombudsperson must approve all postings and notices required by the department
24.29 and counties under this subdivision.

25.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256.045, subdivision 3, as amended
25.2 by Laws 2024, chapter 79, article 3, section 3, and Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section
25.3 67, is amended to read:

25.4 Subd. 3. **State agency hearings.** (a) State agency hearings are available for the following:

25.5 (1) any person:

25.6 (i) applying for, receiving or having received public assistance, medical care, or a program
25.7 of social services administered by the commissioner or a county agency on behalf of the
25.8 commissioner; and

25.9 (ii) whose application for assistance is denied, not acted upon with reasonable promptness,
25.10 or whose assistance is suspended, reduced, terminated, or claimed to have been incorrectly
25.11 paid;

25.12 (2) any patient or relative aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under section
25.13 252.27;

25.14 (3) a party aggrieved by a ruling of a prepaid health plan;

25.15 (4) except as provided under chapter 245C, any individual or facility determined by a
25.16 lead investigative agency to have maltreated a vulnerable adult under section 626.557 after
25.17 they have exercised their right to administrative reconsideration under section 626.557;

25.18 (5) any person to whom a right of appeal according to this section is given by other
25.19 provision of law;

25.20 (6) an applicant aggrieved by an adverse decision to an application for a hardship waiver
25.21 under section 256B.15;

25.22 (7) an applicant aggrieved by an adverse decision to an application or redetermination
25.23 for a Medicare Part D prescription drug subsidy under section 256B.04, subdivision 4a;

25.24 (8) except as provided under chapter 245A, an individual or facility determined to have
25.25 maltreated a minor under chapter 260E, after the individual or facility has exercised the
25.26 right to administrative reconsideration under chapter 260E;

25.27 ~~(8) (9) except as provided under chapter 245C and except for a subject of a background~~
25.28 ~~study that the commissioner has conducted on behalf of another agency for a program or~~
25.29 ~~facility not otherwise overseen by the commissioner, an individual disqualified under sections~~
25.30 ~~245C.14 and 245C.15, following a reconsideration decision issued under section 245C.23,~~
25.31 ~~on the basis of serious or recurring maltreatment; a preponderance of the evidence that the~~
25.32 ~~individual has committed an act or acts that meet the definition of any of the crimes listed~~

26.1 in section 245C.15, subdivisions 1 to 4; or for failing to make reports required under section
26.2 260E.06, subdivision 1, or 626.557, subdivision 3. Hearings regarding a maltreatment
26.3 determination under clause (4) or (8) ~~or section 142A.20, subdivision 3, clause (4)~~, and a
26.4 disqualification under this clause in which the basis for a disqualification is serious or
26.5 recurring maltreatment, shall be consolidated into a single fair hearing. In such cases, the
26.6 scope of review by the human services judge shall include both the maltreatment
26.7 determination and the disqualification. The failure to exercise the right to an administrative
26.8 reconsideration shall not be a bar to a hearing under this section if federal law provides an
26.9 individual the right to a hearing to dispute a finding of maltreatment;

26.10 ~~(9)~~ (10) any person with an outstanding debt resulting from receipt of public assistance
26.11 administered by the commissioner or medical care who is contesting a setoff claim by the
26.12 Department of Human Services or a county agency. The scope of the appeal is the validity
26.13 of the claimant agency's intention to request a setoff of a refund under chapter 270A against
26.14 the debt;

26.15 ~~(10)~~ (11) a person issued a notice of service termination under section 245D.10,
26.16 subdivision 3a, by a licensed provider of any residential supports or services listed in section
26.17 245D.03, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (c), that is not otherwise subject to appeal under
26.18 subdivision 4a;

26.19 ~~(11)~~ (12) an individual disability waiver recipient based on a denial of a request for a
26.20 rate exception under section 256B.4914;

26.21 ~~(12)~~ (13) a person issued a notice of service termination under section 245A.11,
26.22 subdivision 11, that is not otherwise subject to appeal under subdivision 4a; or

26.23 ~~(13)~~ (14) a recovery community organization seeking medical assistance vendor eligibility
26.24 under section 254B.01, subdivision 8, that is aggrieved by a membership or accreditation
26.25 determination and that believes the organization meets the requirements under section
26.26 254B.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), clauses (1) to (10). The scope of the review by the
26.27 human services judge shall be limited to whether the organization meets each of the
26.28 requirements under section 254B.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), clauses (1) to (10).

26.29 (b) The hearing for an individual or facility under paragraph (a), clause (4), (8), or (9),
26.30 is the only administrative appeal to the final agency determination specifically, including
26.31 a challenge to the accuracy and completeness of data under section 13.04. Hearings requested
26.32 under paragraph (a), clause (4), apply only to incidents of maltreatment that occur on or
26.33 after October 1, 1995. Hearings requested by nursing assistants in nursing homes alleged
26.34 to have maltreated a resident prior to October 1, 1995, shall be held as a contested case

27.1 proceeding under the provisions of chapter 14. Hearings requested under paragraph (a),
27.2 clause (8), apply only to incidents of maltreatment that occur on or after July 1, 1997. A
27.3 hearing for an individual or facility under paragraph (a), clause (4), (8), or (9), is only
27.4 available when there is no district court action pending. If such action is filed in district
27.5 court while an administrative review is pending that arises out of some or all of the events
27.6 or circumstances on which the appeal is based, the administrative review must be suspended
27.7 until the judicial actions are completed. If the district court proceedings are completed,
27.8 dismissed, or overturned, the matter may be considered in an administrative hearing.

27.9 (c) For purposes of this section, bargaining unit grievance procedures are not an
27.10 administrative appeal.

27.11 (d) The scope of hearings involving claims to foster care payments under section 142A.20,
27.12 subdivision 2, clause (2), shall be limited to the issue of whether the county is legally
27.13 responsible for a child's placement under court order or voluntary placement agreement
27.14 and, if so, the correct amount of foster care payment to be made on the child's behalf and
27.15 shall not include review of the propriety of the county's child protection determination or
27.16 child placement decision.

27.17 ~~(d)~~ (e) The scope of hearings under paragraph (a), clauses (11) and (13), shall be limited
27.18 to whether the proposed termination of services is authorized under section 245D.10,
27.19 subdivision 3a, paragraph (b), or 245A.11, subdivision 11, and whether the requirements
27.20 of section 245D.10, subdivision 3a, paragraphs (c) to (e), or 245A.11, subdivision 2a,
27.21 paragraphs (d) and (e), were met. If the appeal includes a request for a temporary stay of
27.22 termination of services, the scope of the hearing shall also include whether the case
27.23 management provider has finalized arrangements for a residential facility, a program, or
27.24 services that will meet the assessed needs of the recipient by the effective date of the service
27.25 termination.

27.26 ~~(e)~~ (f) A vendor of medical care as defined in section 256B.02, subdivision 7, or a vendor
27.27 under contract with a county agency to provide social services is not a party and may not
27.28 request a hearing under this section, except if assisting a recipient as provided in subdivision
27.29 4.

27.30 ~~(f)~~ (g) An applicant or recipient is not entitled to receive social services beyond the
27.31 services prescribed under chapter 256M or other social services the person is eligible for
27.32 under state law.

28.1 ~~(g)~~ (h) The commissioner may summarily affirm the county or state agency's proposed
28.2 action without a hearing when the sole issue is an automatic change due to a change in state
28.3 or federal law, except in matters covered by paragraph ~~(h)~~ (i).

28.4 ~~(h)~~ (i) When the subject of an administrative review is a matter within the jurisdiction
28.5 of the direct care and treatment executive board as a part of the board's powers and duties
28.6 under chapter 246C, the executive board may summarily affirm the county or state agency's
28.7 proposed action without a hearing when the sole issue is an automatic change due to a
28.8 change in state or federal law.

28.9 ~~(i)~~ (j) Unless federal or Minnesota law specifies a different time frame in which to file
28.10 an appeal, an individual or organization specified in this section may contest the specified
28.11 action, decision, or final disposition before the state agency by submitting a written request
28.12 for a hearing to the state agency within 30 days after receiving written notice of the action,
28.13 decision, or final disposition, or within 90 days of such written notice if the applicant,
28.14 recipient, patient, or relative shows good cause, as defined in section 256.0451, subdivision
28.15 13, why the request was not submitted within the 30-day time limit. The individual filing
28.16 the appeal has the burden of proving good cause by a preponderance of the evidence.

28.17 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.045, subdivision 3b, as amended by Laws
28.18 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 68, is amended to read:

28.19 Subd. 3b. **Standard of evidence for maltreatment and disqualification hearings.** (a)
28.20 The state human services judge shall determine that maltreatment has occurred if a
28.21 preponderance of evidence exists to support the final disposition under section 626.557 and
28.22 chapter 260E. For purposes of hearings regarding disqualification, the state human services
28.23 judge shall affirm the proposed disqualification in an appeal under subdivision 3, paragraph
28.24 (a), clause (9), if a preponderance of the evidence shows the individual has:

28.25 (1) committed maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E that is serious or
28.26 recurring;

28.27 (2) committed an act or acts meeting the definition of any of the crimes listed in section
28.28 245C.15, subdivisions 1 to 4; or

28.29 (3) failed to make required reports under section 626.557 or chapter 260E, for incidents
28.30 in which the final disposition under section 626.557 or chapter 260E was substantiated
28.31 maltreatment that was serious or recurring.

28.32 (b) If the disqualification is affirmed, the state human services judge shall determine
28.33 whether the individual poses a risk of harm in accordance with the requirements of section

29.1 245C.22, and whether the disqualification should be set aside or not set aside. In determining
29.2 whether the disqualification should be set aside, the human services judge shall consider
29.3 all of the characteristics that cause the individual to be disqualified, including those
29.4 characteristics that were not subject to review under paragraph (a), in order to determine
29.5 whether the individual poses a risk of harm. A decision to set aside a disqualification that
29.6 is the subject of the hearing constitutes a determination that the individual does not pose a
29.7 risk of harm and that the individual may provide direct contact services in the individual
29.8 program specified in the set aside.

29.9 (c) If a disqualification is based solely on a conviction or is conclusive for any reason
29.10 under section 245C.29, the disqualified individual does not have a right to a hearing under
29.11 this section.

29.12 (d) The state human services judge shall recommend an order to the commissioner of
29.13 health; education; children, youth, and families; or human services, as applicable, who
29.14 shall issue a final order. The commissioner shall affirm, reverse, or modify the final
29.15 disposition. Any order of the commissioner issued in accordance with this subdivision is
29.16 conclusive upon the parties unless appeal is taken in the manner provided in subdivision 7.
29.17 In any licensing appeal under chapters 245A and 245C and sections 144.50 to 144.58 and
29.18 144A.02 to 144A.482, the commissioner's determination as to maltreatment is conclusive,
29.19 as provided under section 245C.29.

29.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.045, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws
29.21 2024, chapter 79, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

29.22 Subd. 5. **Orders of the commissioner of human services.** (a) Except as provided for
29.23 under subdivision 5a for matters under the jurisdiction of the direct care and treatment
29.24 executive board and for hearings held under section 142A.20, subdivision 2, a state human
29.25 services judge shall conduct a hearing on the appeal and shall recommend an order to the
29.26 commissioner of human services. The recommended order must be based on all relevant
29.27 evidence and must not be limited to a review of the propriety of the state or county agency's
29.28 action. A human services judge may take official notice of adjudicative facts. The
29.29 commissioner of human services may accept the recommended order of a state human
29.30 services judge and issue the order to the county agency and the applicant, recipient, former
29.31 recipient, or prepaid health plan. The commissioner on refusing to accept the recommended
29.32 order of the state human services judge, shall notify the petitioner, the agency, or prepaid
29.33 health plan of that fact and shall state reasons therefor and shall allow each party ten days'
29.34 time to submit additional written argument on the matter. After the expiration of the ten-day

30.1 period, the commissioner shall issue an order on the matter to the petitioner, the agency, or
30.2 prepaid health plan.

30.3 (b) A party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner may appeal under subdivision
30.4 7, or request reconsideration by the commissioner within 30 days after the date the
30.5 commissioner issues the order. The commissioner may reconsider an order upon request of
30.6 any party or on the commissioner's own motion. A request for reconsideration does not stay
30.7 implementation of the commissioner's order. The person seeking reconsideration has the
30.8 burden to demonstrate why the matter should be reconsidered. The request for reconsideration
30.9 may include legal argument and proposed additional evidence supporting the request. If
30.10 proposed additional evidence is submitted, the person must explain why the proposed
30.11 additional evidence was not provided at the time of the hearing. If reconsideration is granted,
30.12 the other participants must be sent a copy of all material submitted in support of the request
30.13 for reconsideration and must be given ten days to respond. Upon reconsideration, the
30.14 commissioner may issue an amended order or an order affirming the original order.

30.15 (c) Any order of the commissioner issued under this subdivision shall be conclusive
30.16 upon the parties unless appeal is taken in the manner provided by subdivision 7. Any order
30.17 of the commissioner is binding on the parties and must be implemented by the state agency,
30.18 a county agency, or a prepaid health plan according to subdivision 3a, until the order is
30.19 reversed by the district court, or unless the commissioner or a district court orders monthly
30.20 assistance or aid or services paid or provided under subdivision 10.

30.21 (d) A vendor of medical care as defined in section 256B.02, subdivision 7, or a vendor
30.22 under contract with a county agency to provide social services is not a party and may not
30.23 request a hearing or seek judicial review of an order issued under this section, unless assisting
30.24 a recipient as provided in subdivision 4. A prepaid health plan is a party to an appeal under
30.25 subdivision 3a, but cannot seek judicial review of an order issued under this section.

30.26 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.045, subdivision 7, as amended by Laws
30.27 2024, chapter 79, article 3, section 7, is amended to read:

30.28 Subd. 7. **Judicial review.** Except for a prepaid health plan, any party who is aggrieved
30.29 by an order of the commissioner of human services; the commissioner of health; or the
30.30 commissioner of children, youth, and families in appeals within the commissioner's
30.31 jurisdiction under subdivision 3b; or the direct care and treatment executive board in appeals
30.32 within the jurisdiction of the executive board under subdivision 5a may appeal the order to
30.33 the district court of the county responsible for furnishing assistance, or, in appeals under
30.34 subdivision 3b, the county where the maltreatment occurred, by serving a written copy of

31.1 a notice of appeal upon the applicable commissioner or executive board and any adverse
31.2 party of record within 30 days after the date the commissioner or executive board issued
31.3 the order, the amended order, or order affirming the original order, and by filing the original
31.4 notice and proof of service with the court administrator of the district court. Service may
31.5 be made personally or by mail; service by mail is complete upon mailing; no filing fee shall
31.6 be required by the court administrator in appeals taken pursuant to this subdivision, with
31.7 the exception of appeals taken under subdivision 3b. The applicable commissioner or
31.8 executive board may elect to become a party to the proceedings in the district court. Except
31.9 for appeals under subdivision 3b, any party may demand that the commissioner or executive
31.10 board furnish all parties to the proceedings with a copy of the decision, and a transcript of
31.11 any testimony, evidence, or other supporting papers from the hearing held before the human
31.12 services judge, by serving a written demand upon the applicable commissioner or executive
31.13 board within 30 days after service of the notice of appeal. Any party aggrieved by the failure
31.14 of an adverse party to obey an order issued by the commissioner or executive board under
31.15 subdivisions 5 or 5a may compel performance according to the order in the manner prescribed
31.16 in sections 586.01 to 586.12.

31.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.0451, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
31.18 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 72, is amended to read:

31.19 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** (a) The requirements in this section apply to all fair hearings and
31.20 appeals under ~~section~~ sections 142A.20, subdivision 2, and 256.045, subdivision 3, paragraph
31.21 (a), clauses (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), ~~(8), (11)~~ (10), and ~~(13)~~ (12). Except as provided in
31.22 subdivisions 3 and 19, the requirements under this section apply to fair hearings and appeals
31.23 under section 256.045, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clauses (4), ~~(9)~~ (8), ~~(10)~~ (9), and ~~(12)~~
31.24 (11).

31.25 (b) For purposes of this section, "person" means an individual who, on behalf of
31.26 themselves or their household, is appealing or disputing or challenging an action, a decision,
31.27 or a failure to act, by an agency in the human services system. When a person involved in
31.28 a proceeding under this section is represented by an attorney or by an authorized
31.29 representative, the term "person" also means the person's attorney or authorized
31.30 representative. Any notice sent to the person involved in the hearing must also be sent to
31.31 the person's attorney or authorized representative.

31.32 (c) For purposes of this section, "agency" means the county human services agency, the
31.33 state human services agency, and, where applicable, any entity involved under a contract,

32.1 subcontract, grant, or subgrant with the state agency or with a county agency, that provides
32.2 or operates programs or services in which appeals are governed by section 256.045.

32.3 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.0451, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

32.4 Subd. 22. **Decisions.** A timely, written decision must be issued in every appeal. Each
32.5 decision must contain a clear ruling on the issues presented in the appeal hearing and should
32.6 contain a ruling only on questions directly presented by the appeal and the arguments raised
32.7 in the appeal.

32.8 (a) A written decision must be issued within 90 days of the date the person involved
32.9 requested the appeal unless a shorter time is required by law. An additional 30 days is
32.10 provided in those cases where the commissioner refuses to accept the recommended decision.
32.11 In appeals of maltreatment determinations or disqualifications filed pursuant to section
32.12 256.045, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (4), ~~(9)~~ (8), or ~~(10)~~ (9), that also give rise to
32.13 possible licensing actions, the 90-day period for issuing final decisions does not begin until
32.14 the later of the date that the licensing authority provides notice to the appeals division that
32.15 the authority has made the final determination in the matter or the date the appellant files
32.16 the last appeal in the consolidated matters.

32.17 (b) The decision must contain both findings of fact and conclusions of law, clearly
32.18 separated and identified. The findings of fact must be based on the entire record. Each
32.19 finding of fact made by the human services judge shall be supported by a preponderance
32.20 of the evidence unless a different standard is required under the regulations of a particular
32.21 program. The "preponderance of the evidence" means, in light of the record as a whole, the
32.22 evidence leads the human services judge to believe that the finding of fact is more likely to
32.23 be true than not true. The legal claims or arguments of a participant do not constitute either
32.24 a finding of fact or a conclusion of law, except to the extent the human services judge adopts
32.25 an argument as a finding of fact or conclusion of law.

32.26 The decision shall contain at least the following:

32.27 (1) a listing of the date and place of the hearing and the participants at the hearing;

32.28 (2) a clear and precise statement of the issues, including the dispute under consideration
32.29 and the specific points which must be resolved in order to decide the case;

32.30 (3) a listing of the material, including exhibits, records, reports, placed into evidence at
32.31 the hearing, and upon which the hearing decision is based;

32.32 (4) the findings of fact based upon the entire hearing record. The findings of fact must
32.33 be adequate to inform the participants and any interested person in the public of the basis

33.1 of the decision. If the evidence is in conflict on an issue which must be resolved, the findings
33.2 of fact must state the reasoning used in resolving the conflict;

33.3 (5) conclusions of law that address the legal authority for the hearing and the ruling, and
33.4 which give appropriate attention to the claims of the participants to the hearing;

33.5 (6) a clear and precise statement of the decision made resolving the dispute under
33.6 consideration in the hearing; and

33.7 (7) written notice of the right to appeal to district court or to request reconsideration,
33.8 and of the actions required and the time limits for taking appropriate action to appeal to
33.9 district court or to request a reconsideration.

33.10 (c) The human services judge shall not independently investigate facts or otherwise rely
33.11 on information not presented at the hearing. The human services judge may not contact
33.12 other agency personnel, except as provided in subdivision 18. The human services judge's
33.13 recommended decision must be based exclusively on the testimony and evidence presented
33.14 at the hearing, and legal arguments presented, and the human services judge's research and
33.15 knowledge of the law.

33.16 (d) The commissioner will review the recommended decision and accept or refuse to
33.17 accept the decision according to section 142A.20, subdivision 3, or 256.045, subdivision
33.18 5.

33.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.0451, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

33.20 Subd. 24. **Reconsideration.** (a) Reconsideration may be requested within 30 days of
33.21 the date of the commissioner's final order. If reconsideration is requested under section
33.22 142A.20, subdivision 3, or 256.045, subdivision 5, the other participants in the appeal shall
33.23 be informed of the request. The person seeking reconsideration has the burden to demonstrate
33.24 why the matter should be reconsidered. The request for reconsideration may include legal
33.25 argument and may include proposed additional evidence supporting the request. The other
33.26 participants shall be sent a copy of all material submitted in support of the request for
33.27 reconsideration and must be given ten days to respond.

33.28 (b) When the requesting party raises a question as to the appropriateness of the findings
33.29 of fact, the commissioner shall review the entire record.

33.30 (c) When the requesting party questions the appropriateness of a conclusion of law, the
33.31 commissioner shall consider the recommended decision, the decision under reconsideration,
33.32 and the material submitted in connection with the reconsideration. The commissioner shall
33.33 review the remaining record as necessary to issue a reconsidered decision.

34.1 (d) The commissioner shall issue a written decision on reconsideration in a timely fashion.
34.2 The decision must clearly inform the parties that this constitutes the final administrative
34.3 decision, advise the participants of the right to seek judicial review, and the deadline for
34.4 doing so.

34.5 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.046, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
34.6 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 75, is amended to read:

34.7 Subd. 2. **Combined hearing.** ~~(a) The human services judge may combine a fair hearing~~
34.8 ~~under section 142A.20 or 256.045 and administrative fraud disqualification hearing under~~
34.9 ~~this section or section 142A.27 into a single hearing if the factual issues arise out of the~~
34.10 ~~same, or related, circumstances; the commissioner of human services has jurisdiction over~~
34.11 ~~at least one of the hearings; and the individual receives prior notice that the hearings will~~
34.12 ~~be combined. If the administrative fraud disqualification hearing and fair hearing are~~
34.13 ~~combined, the time frames for administrative fraud disqualification hearings specified in~~
34.14 ~~Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, section 273.16, apply. If the individual accused of~~
34.15 ~~wrongfully obtaining assistance is charged under section 256.98 for the same act or acts~~
34.16 ~~which are the subject of the hearing, the individual may request that the hearing be delayed~~
34.17 ~~until the criminal charge is decided by the court or withdrawn.~~

34.18 ~~(b) The human services judge must conduct any hearings under section 142A.20 or~~
34.19 ~~142A.27 pursuant to the relevant laws and rules governing children, youth, and families~~
34.20 ~~judges.~~

34.21 Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

34.22 Subd. 2. **Department of Human Services.** The powers and duties of the Department
34.23 of Human Services with respect to the following responsibilities and related elements are
34.24 transferred to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families according to Minnesota
34.25 Statutes, section 15.039:

34.26 (1) family services and community-based collaboratives under Minnesota Statutes,
34.27 section 124D.23;

34.28 (2) child care programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B;

34.29 (3) Parent Aware quality rating and improvement system under Minnesota Statutes,
34.30 section 124D.142;

34.31 (4) migrant child care services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256M.50;

- 35.1 (5) early childhood and school-age professional development training under Laws 2007,
35.2 chapter 147, article 2, section 56;
- 35.3 (6) licensure of family child care and child care centers, child foster care, and private
35.4 child placing agencies under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A;
- 35.5 (7) certification of license-exempt child care centers under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
35.6 245H;
- 35.7 (8) program integrity and fraud related to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP),
35.8 the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), and the Supplemental Nutrition
35.9 Assistance Program (SNAP) under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 119B and 245E;
- 35.10 (9) SNAP under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256D.60 to 256D.63;
- 35.11 (10) electronic benefit transactions under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256.9862,
35.12 256.9863, 256.9865, 256.987, 256.9871, 256.9872, and 256J.77;
- 35.13 (11) Minnesota food assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.64;
- 35.14 (12) Minnesota food shelf program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.34;
- 35.15 (13) MFIP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) under Minnesota
35.16 Statutes, sections 256.9864 and 256.9865 and chapters 256J and 256P;
- 35.17 (14) Diversionary Work Program (DWP) under Minnesota Statutes, section 256J.95;
- 35.18 (15) ~~resettlement programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.06, subdivision 6.~~
35.19 American Indian food sovereignty program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.342;
- 35.20 (16) child abuse under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256E;
- 35.21 (17) reporting of the maltreatment of minors under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E;
- 35.22 (18) children in voluntary foster care for treatment under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
35.23 260D;
- 35.24 (19) juvenile safety and placement under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260C;
- 35.25 (20) the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act under Minnesota Statutes, sections
35.26 260.751 to 260.835;
- 35.27 (21) the Interstate Compact for Juveniles under Minnesota Statutes, section 260.515,
35.28 and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children under Minnesota Statutes, sections
35.29 260.851 to 260.93;
- 35.30 (22) adoption under Minnesota Statutes, sections 259.20 to 259.89;

- 36.1 (23) Northstar Care for Children under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256N;
- 36.2 (24) child support under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13, 13B, 214, 256, 256J, 257, 259,
36.3 518, 518A, 518C, 551, 552, 571, and 588, and Minnesota Statutes, section 609.375;
- 36.4 (25) community action programs under Minnesota Statutes, sections 256E.30 to 256E.32;
36.5 ~~and~~
- 36.6 (26) Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes, section
36.7 256E.35;
- 36.8 (27) capital for emergency food distribution facilities under Laws 2023, chapter 70,
36.9 article 20, section 2, subdivision 24, paragraph (i);
- 36.10 (28) community resource centers under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 14, section 42;
- 36.11 (29) diaper distribution grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.38;
- 36.12 (30) Family First Prevention Services Act support and development grant program under
36.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 256.4793;
- 36.14 (31) Family First Prevention Services Act kinship navigator program under Minnesota
36.15 Statutes, section 256.4794;
- 36.16 (32) family first prevention and early intervention allocation program under Minnesota
36.17 Statutes, section 260.014;
- 36.18 (33) grants for prepared meals food relief under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section
36.19 33;
- 36.20 (34) homeless youth cash stipend pilot under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 11, section
36.21 13;
- 36.22 (35) independent living skills for foster youth under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 14,
36.23 section 41;
- 36.24 (36) legacy adoption assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 259A;
- 36.25 (37) quality parenting initiative grant program under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 14,
36.26 section 1;
- 36.27 (38) relative custody assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 257.85;
- 36.28 (39) reimbursement to counties and Tribes for certain out-of-home placements under
36.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 477A.0126; and

37.1 (40) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program outreach under Minnesota Statutes,
 37.2 section 256D.65.

37.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

37.4 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

37.5 Subd. 3. **Department of Education.** The powers and duties of the Department of
 37.6 Education with respect to the following responsibilities and related elements are transferred
 37.7 to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 37.8 15.039:

37.9 (1) Head Start Program and Early Head Start under Minnesota Statutes, sections 119A.50
 37.10 to 119A.545;

37.11 (2) the early childhood screening program under Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.16
 37.12 to 121A.19;

37.13 (3) early learning scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165;

37.14 (4) the interagency early childhood intervention system under Minnesota Statutes,
 37.15 sections 125A.259 to 125A.48;

37.16 (5) voluntary prekindergarten programs and school readiness plus programs under
 37.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.151;

37.18 (6) early childhood family education programs under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 37.19 124D.13 to 124D.135;

37.20 (7) school readiness under Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.15 to 124D.16; ~~and~~

37.21 (8) after-school community learning programs under Minnesota Statutes, section
 37.22 124D.2211; and

37.23 (9) grow your own program under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.731.

37.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

37.25 Sec. 15. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

37.26 Subdivision 1. ~~Children, youth, and families judges; appointment~~ Hearings held by
 37.27 the Department of Human Services. ~~The commissioner of children, youth, and families~~
 37.28 ~~may appoint one or more state children, youth, and families judges to conduct hearings and~~
 37.29 ~~recommend orders in accordance with subdivisions 2, 3, and 5. Children, youth, and families~~
 37.30 ~~judges designated pursuant to this section may administer oaths and shall be under the~~

38.1 ~~control and supervision of the commissioner of children, youth, and families and shall not~~
 38.2 ~~be a part of the Office of Administrative Hearings established pursuant to sections 14.48 to~~
 38.3 ~~14.56. The commissioner shall only appoint as a full-time children, youth, and families~~
 38.4 ~~judge an individual who is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and who is:~~

38.5 ~~(1) in active status;~~

38.6 ~~(2) an inactive resident;~~

38.7 ~~(3) retired;~~

38.8 ~~(4) on disabled status; or~~

38.9 ~~(5) on retired senior status.~~

38.10 All state agency hearings under subdivision 2 must be heard by a human services judge
 38.11 pursuant to sections 256.045 and 256.0451.

38.12 Sec. 16. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

38.13 Subd. 2. **State agency hearings.** ~~(a)~~ State agency hearings are available for the following:

38.14 (1) any person:

38.15 (i) applying for, receiving, or having received public assistance or a program of social
 38.16 services administered by the commissioner or a county agency on behalf of the commissioner
 38.17 or the federal Food and Nutrition Act; and

38.18 (ii) whose application for assistance is denied, not acted upon with reasonable promptness,
 38.19 or whose assistance is suspended, reduced, terminated, or claimed to have been incorrectly
 38.20 paid;

38.21 (2) any person whose claim for foster care payment according to a placement of the
 38.22 child resulting from a child protection assessment under chapter 260E is denied or not acted
 38.23 upon with reasonable promptness, regardless of funding source;

38.24 (3) any person to whom a right of appeal according to this section is given by other
 38.25 provision of law; and

38.26 ~~(4) except as provided under chapter 142B, an individual or facility determined to have~~
 38.27 ~~maltreated a minor under chapter 260E, after the individual or facility has exercised the~~
 38.28 ~~right to administrative reconsideration under chapter 260E;~~

38.29 ~~(5) except as provided under chapter 245C, an individual disqualified under sections~~
 38.30 ~~245C.14 and 245C.15, following a reconsideration decision issued under section 245C.23,~~
 38.31 ~~on the basis of serious or recurring maltreatment; of a preponderance of the evidence that~~

39.1 ~~the individual has committed an act or acts that meet the definition of any of the crimes~~
39.2 ~~listed in section 245C.15, subdivisions 1 to 4; or for failing to make reports required under~~
39.3 ~~section 260E.06, subdivision 1, or 626.557, subdivision 3. Hearings regarding a maltreatment~~
39.4 ~~determination under clause (4) and a disqualification under this clause in which the basis~~
39.5 ~~for a disqualification is serious or recurring maltreatment shall be consolidated into a single~~
39.6 ~~fair hearing. In such cases, the scope of review by the children, youth, and families judge~~
39.7 ~~shall include both the maltreatment determination and the disqualification. The failure to~~
39.8 ~~exercise the right to an administrative reconsideration shall not be a bar to a hearing under~~
39.9 ~~this section if federal law provides an individual the right to a hearing to dispute a finding~~
39.10 ~~of maltreatment; and~~

39.11 ~~(6) (4)~~ any person with an outstanding debt resulting from receipt of public assistance
39.12 or the federal Food and Nutrition Act who is contesting a setoff claim by the commissioner
39.13 of children, youth, and families or a county agency. The scope of the appeal is the validity
39.14 of the claimant agency's intention to request a setoff of a refund under chapter 270A against
39.15 the debt.

39.16 ~~(b) The hearing for an individual or facility under paragraph (a), clause (4) or (5), is the~~
39.17 ~~only administrative appeal to the final agency determination specifically, including a~~
39.18 ~~challenge to the accuracy and completeness of data under section 13.04. A hearing for an~~
39.19 ~~individual or facility under paragraph (a), clause (4) or (5), is only available when there is~~
39.20 ~~no district court action pending. If such action is filed in district court while an administrative~~
39.21 ~~review is pending that arises out of some or all of the events or circumstances on which the~~
39.22 ~~appeal is based, the administrative review must be suspended until the judicial actions are~~
39.23 ~~completed. If the district court proceedings are completed, dismissed, or overturned, the~~
39.24 ~~matter may be considered in an administrative hearing.~~

39.25 ~~(c) For purposes of this section, bargaining unit grievance procedures are not an~~
39.26 ~~administrative appeal.~~

39.27 ~~(d) The scope of hearings involving claims to foster care payments under paragraph (a),~~
39.28 ~~clause (2), shall be limited to the issue of whether the county is legally responsible for a~~
39.29 ~~child's placement under court order or voluntary placement agreement and, if so, the correct~~
39.30 ~~amount of foster care payment to be made on the child's behalf and shall not include review~~
39.31 ~~of the propriety of the county's child protection determination or child placement decision.~~

39.32 ~~(e) An applicant or recipient is not entitled to receive social services beyond the services~~
39.33 ~~prescribed under chapter 256M or other social services the person is eligible for under state~~
39.34 ~~law.~~

40.1 ~~(f) The commissioner may summarily affirm the county or state agency's proposed action~~
 40.2 ~~without a hearing when the sole issue is an automatic change due to a change in state or~~
 40.3 ~~federal law.~~

40.4 ~~(g) Unless federal or Minnesota law specifies a different time frame in which to file an~~
 40.5 ~~appeal, an individual or organization specified in this section may contest the specified~~
 40.6 ~~action, decision, or final disposition before the state agency by submitting a written request~~
 40.7 ~~for a hearing to the state agency within 30 days after receiving written notice of the action,~~
 40.8 ~~decision, or final disposition or within 90 days of such written notice if the applicant,~~
 40.9 ~~recipient, patient, or relative shows good cause, as defined in section 142A.21, subdivision~~
 40.10 ~~13, why the request was not submitted within the 30-day time limit. The individual filing~~
 40.11 ~~the appeal has the burden of proving good cause by a preponderance of the evidence.~~

40.12 Sec. 17. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

40.13 Subd. 5. **Orders of the commissioner of children, youth, and families.** (a) A state
 40.14 ~~children, youth, and families~~ human services judge shall conduct a hearing on ~~the~~ an appeal
 40.15 of a matter listed in subdivision 2 and shall recommend an order to the commissioner of
 40.16 children, youth, and families. The recommended order must be based on all relevant evidence
 40.17 and must not be limited to a review of the propriety of the state or county agency's action.
 40.18 A ~~children, youth, and families~~ state human services judge may take official notice of
 40.19 adjudicative facts. The commissioner of children, youth, and families may accept the
 40.20 recommended order of a state ~~children, youth, and families~~ human services judge and issue
 40.21 the order to the county agency and the applicant, recipient, or former recipient. If the
 40.22 commissioner refuses to accept the recommended order of the state ~~children, youth, and~~
 40.23 ~~families~~ human services judge, the commissioner shall notify the petitioner or the agency
 40.24 of the commissioner's refusal and shall state reasons for the refusal. The commissioner shall
 40.25 allow each party ten days' time to submit additional written argument on the matter. After
 40.26 the expiration of the ten-day period, the commissioner shall issue an order on the matter to
 40.27 the petitioner and the agency.

40.28 (b) A party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner may appeal under subdivision 7
 40.29 5 or request reconsideration by the commissioner within 30 days after the date the
 40.30 commissioner issues the order. The commissioner may reconsider an order upon request of
 40.31 any party or on the commissioner's own motion. A request for reconsideration does not stay
 40.32 implementation of the commissioner's order. The person seeking reconsideration has the
 40.33 burden to demonstrate why the matter should be reconsidered. The request for reconsideration
 40.34 may include legal argument and proposed additional evidence supporting the request. If

41.1 proposed additional evidence is submitted, the person must explain why the proposed
 41.2 additional evidence was not provided at the time of the hearing. If reconsideration is granted,
 41.3 the other participants must be sent a copy of all material submitted in support of the request
 41.4 for reconsideration and must be given ten days to respond. Upon reconsideration, the
 41.5 commissioner may issue an amended order or an order affirming the original order.

41.6 (c) Any order of the commissioner issued under this subdivision shall be conclusive
 41.7 upon the parties unless appeal is taken in the manner provided by subdivision ~~7~~ 5. Any order
 41.8 of the commissioner is binding on the parties and must be implemented by the state agency
 41.9 or a county agency until the order is reversed by the district court or unless the commissioner
 41.10 or a district court orders monthly assistance or aid or services paid or provided under
 41.11 subdivision ~~10~~ 8.

41.12 (d) A vendor under contract with a county agency to provide social services is not a
 41.13 party and may not request a hearing or seek judicial review of an order issued under this
 41.14 section, unless assisting a recipient as provided in section 256.045, subdivision 4.

41.15 Sec. 18. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

41.16 Subd. 6. **Additional powers of commissioner; subpoenas.** (a) The commissioner may
 41.17 initiate a review of any action or decision of a county agency and direct that the matter be
 41.18 presented to a state ~~children, youth, and families~~ human services judge for a hearing held
 41.19 under subdivision 2 or ~~3~~ section 256.045, subdivision 3b. In all matters dealing with children,
 41.20 youth, and families committed by law to the discretion of the county agency, the
 41.21 commissioner's judgment may be substituted for that of the county agency. The commissioner
 41.22 may order an independent examination when appropriate.

41.23 (b) Any party to a hearing held pursuant to subdivision 2 or ~~3~~ section 256.045, subdivision
 41.24 3b, may request that the commissioner issue a subpoena to compel the attendance of witnesses
 41.25 and the production of records at the hearing. A local agency may request that the
 41.26 commissioner issue a subpoena to compel the release of information from third parties prior
 41.27 to a request for a hearing under section 142A.21 upon a showing of relevance to such a
 41.28 proceeding. The issuance, service, and enforcement of subpoenas under this subdivision is
 41.29 governed by section 357.22 and the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure.

41.30 ~~(e) The commissioner may issue a temporary order staying a proposed demission by a~~
 41.31 ~~residential facility licensed under chapter 142B:~~

41.32 ~~(1) while an appeal by a recipient under subdivision 3 is pending; or~~

42.1 ~~(2) for the period of time necessary for the case management provider to implement the~~
 42.2 ~~commissioner's order.~~

42.3 Sec. 19. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

42.4 Subd. 7. **Judicial review.** Any party who is aggrieved by an order of the commissioner
 42.5 of children, youth, and families may appeal the order to the district court of the county
 42.6 responsible for furnishing assistance, or, in appeals under section 256.045, subdivision ~~3~~
 42.7 3b, the county where the maltreatment occurred, by serving a written copy of a notice of
 42.8 appeal upon the commissioner and any adverse party of record within 30 days after the date
 42.9 the commissioner issued the order, the amended order, or order affirming the original order,
 42.10 and by filing the original notice and proof of service with the court administrator of the
 42.11 district court. Service may be made personally or by mail; service by mail is complete upon
 42.12 mailing. The court administrator shall not require a filing fee in appeals taken pursuant to
 42.13 this subdivision, except for appeals taken under section 256.045, subdivision ~~3~~ 3b. The
 42.14 commissioner may elect to become a party to the proceedings in the district court. Except
 42.15 for appeals under section 256.045, subdivision ~~3~~ 3b, any party may demand that the
 42.16 commissioner furnish all parties to the proceedings with a copy of the decision, and a
 42.17 transcript of any testimony, evidence, or other supporting papers from the hearing held
 42.18 before the ~~children, youth, and families~~ state human services judge, by serving a written
 42.19 demand upon the commissioner within 30 days after service of the notice of appeal. Any
 42.20 party aggrieved by the failure of an adverse party to obey an order issued by the commissioner
 42.21 under subdivision 5 may compel performance according to the order in the manner prescribed
 42.22 in sections 586.01 to 586.12.

42.23 Sec. 20. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 38, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

42.24 Subd. 9. **Appeal.** Any party aggrieved by the order of the district court may appeal the
 42.25 order as in other civil cases. Except for appeals under section 256.045, subdivision ~~3~~ 3b,
 42.26 no costs or disbursements shall be taxed against any party nor shall any filing fee or bond
 42.27 be required of any party.

42.28 Sec. 21. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, section 96, is amended to read:

42.29 Sec. 96. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

42.30 The revisor of statutes must renumber sections or subdivisions in Column A as Column
 42.31 B.

	Column A	Column B
43.1	Column A	Column B
43.2	256.01, subdivision 12	142A.03, subdivision 7
43.3	256.01, subdivision 12a	142A.03, subdivision 8
43.4	256.01, subdivision 15	142A.03, subdivision 10
43.5	256.01, subdivision 36	142A.03, subdivision 22
43.6	256.0112, subdivision 10	142A.07, subdivision 8
43.7	256.019, subdivision 2	142A.28, subdivision 2
43.8	<u>256.043</u>	<u>142A.50</u>
43.9	256.4793	142A.45
43.10	256.4794	142A.451
43.11	256.82	142A.418
43.12	256.9831	142A.13, subdivision 14
43.13	256.9862, subdivision 1	142A.13, subdivision 10
43.14	256.9862, subdivision 2	142A.13, subdivision 11
43.15	256.9863	142A.13, subdivision 5
43.16	256.9865, subdivision 1	142A.13, subdivision 6
43.17	256.9865, subdivision 2	142A.13, subdivision 7
43.18	256.9865, subdivision 3	142A.13, subdivision 8
43.19	256.9865, subdivision 4	142A.13, subdivision 9
43.20	256.987, subdivision 2	142A.13, subdivision 2
43.21	256.987, subdivision 3	142A.13, subdivision 3
43.22	256.987, subdivision 4	142A.13, subdivision 4
43.23	256.9871	142A.13, subdivision 12
43.24	256.9872	142A.13, subdivision 13
43.25	256.997	142A.30
43.26	256.998	142A.29
43.27	256B.06, subdivision 6	142A.40
43.28	256E.20	142A.41
43.29	256E.21	142A.411
43.30	256E.22	142A.412
43.31	256E.24	142A.413
43.32	256E.25	142A.414
43.33	256E.26	142A.415
43.34	256E.27	142A.416
43.35	256E.28	142A.417
43.36	<u>256E.38</u>	<u>142A.42</u>
43.37	256N.001	142A.60
43.38	256N.01	142A.601

44.1	256N.02	142A.602
44.2	256N.20	142A.603
44.3	256N.21	142A.604
44.4	256N.22	142A.605
44.5	256N.23	142A.606
44.6	256N.24	142A.607
44.7	256N.25	142A.608
44.8	256N.26	142A.609
44.9	256N.261	142A.61
44.10	256N.27	142A.611
44.11	256N.28	142A.612
44.12	257.175	142A.03, subdivision 32
44.13	257.33, subdivision 1	142A.03, subdivision 33
44.14	257.33, subdivision 2	142A.03, subdivision 34
44.15	260.014	142A.452
44.16	299A.72	142A.75
44.17	299A.73	142A.43
44.18	299A.95	142A.76

44.19 The revisor of statutes must correct any statutory cross-references consistent with this
44.20 renumbering.

44.21 Sec. 22. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 2, section 10, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

44.22 Subd. 6. **Appeal of multiple sanctions.** (a) When the license holder appeals more than
44.23 one licensing action or sanction that were simultaneously issued by the commissioner, the
44.24 license holder shall specify the actions or sanctions that are being appealed.

44.25 (b) If there are different timelines prescribed in statutes for the licensing actions or
44.26 sanctions being appealed, the license holder must submit the appeal within the longest of
44.27 those timelines specified in statutes.

44.28 (c) The appeal must be made in writing by certified mail ~~or~~, by personal service, or
44.29 through the provider licensing and reporting hub. If mailed, the appeal must be postmarked
44.30 and sent to the commissioner within the prescribed timeline with the first day beginning
44.31 the day after the license holder receives the certified letter. If a request is made by personal
44.32 service, it must be received by the commissioner within the prescribed timeline with the
44.33 first day beginning the day after the license holder receives the certified letter. If the appeal
44.34 is made through the provider hub, the appeal must be received by the commissioner within

45.1 the prescribed timeline with the first day beginning the day after the commissioner issued
 45.2 the order through the hub.

45.3 (d) When there are different timelines prescribed in statutes for the appeal of licensing
 45.4 actions or sanctions simultaneously issued by the commissioner, the commissioner shall
 45.5 specify in the notice to the license holder the timeline for appeal as specified under paragraph
 45.6 (b).

45.7 Sec. 23. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 2, section 74, is amended to read:

45.8 Sec. 74. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

45.9 The revisor of statutes must renumber sections or subdivisions in column A as column
 45.10 B.

45.11	Column A	Column B
45.12	245A.02, subdivision 2c	142B.01, subdivision 3
45.13	245A.02, subdivision 6a	142B.01, subdivision 11
45.14	245A.02, subdivision 6b	142B.01, subdivision 12
45.15	245A.02, subdivision 10a	142B.01, subdivision 22
45.16	245A.02, subdivision 12	142B.01, subdivision 23
45.17	245A.02, subdivision 16	142B.01, subdivision 26
45.18	245A.02, subdivision 17	142B.01, subdivision 27
45.19	245A.02, subdivision 18	142B.01, subdivision 28
45.20	245A.02, subdivision 19	142B.01, subdivision 13
45.21	245A.03, subdivision 2a	142B.05, subdivision 3
45.22	245A.03, subdivision 2b	142B.05, subdivision 4
45.23	245A.03, subdivision 4	142B.05, subdivision 6
45.24	245A.03, subdivision 4a	142B.05, subdivision 7
45.25	245A.03, subdivision 8	142B.05, subdivision 10
45.26	245A.035	142B.06
45.27	245A.04, subdivision 9a	142B.10, subdivision 17
45.28	245A.04, subdivision 10	142B.10, subdivision 18
45.29	245A.06, subdivision 8	142B.16, subdivision 5
45.30	245A.06, subdivision 9	142B.16, subdivision 6
45.31	245A.065	142B.17
45.32	245A.07, subdivision 4	142B.18, subdivision 6
45.33	245A.07, subdivision 5	142B.18, subdivision 7
45.34	245A.14, subdivision 3	142B.41, subdivision 3
45.35	245A.14, subdivision 4	142B.41, subdivision 4

46.1	245A.14, subdivision 4a	142B.41, subdivision 5
46.2	245A.14, subdivision 6	142B.41, subdivision 6
46.3	245A.14, subdivision 8	142B.41, subdivision 7
46.4	245A.14, subdivision 10	142B.41, subdivision 8
46.5	245A.14, subdivision 11	142B.41, subdivision 9
46.6	245A.14, subdivision 15	142B.41, subdivision 11
46.7	245A.14, subdivision 16	142B.41, subdivision 12
46.8	245A.14, subdivision 17	142B.41, subdivision 13
46.9	245A.1434	142B.60
46.10	245A.144	142B.47
46.11	245A.1445	142B.48
46.12	245A.145	142B.61
46.13	245A.146, subdivision 2	142B.45, subdivision 2
46.14	245A.146, subdivision 3	142B.45, subdivision 3
46.15	245A.146, subdivision 4	142B.45, subdivision 4
46.16	245A.146, subdivision 5	142B.45, subdivision 5
46.17	245A.146, subdivision 6	142B.45, subdivision 6
46.18	245A.147	142B.75
46.19	245A.148	142B.76
46.20	245A.149	142B.77
46.21	245A.15	142B.78
46.22	245A.1511	142B.79
46.23	245A.152	142B.62
46.24	245A.16, subdivision 7	142B.30, subdivision 7
46.25	245A.16, subdivision 9	142B.30, subdivision 9
46.26	245A.16, subdivision 11	142B.30, subdivision 11
46.27	245A.23	142B.63
46.28	245A.40	142B.65
46.29	245A.41	142B.66
46.30	245A.42	142B.67
46.31	245A.50	142B.70
46.32	245A.51	142B.71
46.33	245A.52	142B.72
46.34	245A.53	142B.74
46.35	245A.66, subdivision 2	142B.54, subdivision 2
46.36	245A.66, subdivision 3	142B.54, subdivision 3

47.1 The revisor of statutes must correct any statutory cross-references consistent with this
47.2 renumbering.

47.3 Sec. 24. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 4, section 26, is amended to read:

47.4 Sec. 26. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

47.5 (a) The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in
47.6 column A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary
47.7 cross-reference changes consistent with the renumbering. The revisor shall also make any
47.8 technical, language, and other changes necessitated by the renumbering and cross-reference
47.9 changes in this act.

47.10	Column A	Column B
47.11	119A.50	142D.12
47.12	119A.52	142D.121
47.13	119A.53	142D.122
47.14	119A.535	142D.123
47.15	119A.5411	142D.124
47.16	119A.545	142D.125
47.17	119B.195	142D.30
47.18	119B.196	142D.24
47.19	119B.25	142D.20
47.20	119B.251	142D.31
47.21	119B.252	142D.32
47.22	119B.27	142D.21
47.23	119B.28	142D.22
47.24	119B.29	142D.23
47.25	121A.16	142D.09
47.26	121A.17	142D.091
47.27	121A.18	142D.092
47.28	121A.19	142D.093
47.29	<u>122A.731</u>	<u>142D.33</u>
47.30	124D.13	142D.10
47.31	124D.135	142D.11
47.32	124D.141	142D.16
47.33	124D.142	142D.13
47.34	124D.15	142D.05
47.35	124D.151	142D.08

48.1	124D.16	142D.06
48.2	124D.165	142D.25
48.3	124D.2211	142D.14
48.4	124D.23	142D.15

48.5 (b) The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article
 48.6 8, section 9, as amended by article 4, section 25, as Minnesota Statutes, section 142D.07.

48.7 (c) The revisor of statutes shall change "commissioner of education" to "commissioner
 48.8 of children, youth, and families" and change "Department of Education" to "Department of
 48.9 Children, Youth, and Families" as necessary in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 119A and 120
 48.10 to 129C, to reflect the changes in this act and Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12. The revisor
 48.11 shall also make any technical, language, and other changes resulting from the change of
 48.12 term to the statutory language, sentence structure, or both, if necessary to preserve the
 48.13 meaning of the text.

48.14 Sec. 25. Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 6, section 4, is amended to read:

48.15 Sec. 4. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

48.16 (a) The revisor of statutes must renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes in Column
 48.17 A with the number in Column B.

48.18	Column A	Column B
48.19	245.771	142F.05
48.20	256D.60	142F.10
48.21	256D.61	142F.11
48.22	256D.62	142F.101
48.23	256D.63	142F.102
48.24	256D.64	142F.13
48.25	256D.65	142F.12
48.26	256E.30	142F.30
48.27	256E.31	142F.301
48.28	256E.32	142F.302
48.29	256E.34	142F.14
48.30	<u>256E.342</u>	<u>142F.15</u>
48.31	256E.35	142F.20

48.32 (b) The revisor of statutes must correct any statutory cross-references consistent with
 48.33 this renumbering.

49.1 **Sec. 26. DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND**
 49.2 **FAMILIES; COORDINATION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH**
 49.3 **DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH.**

49.4 The commissioner of children, youth, and families shall designate a department leader
 49.5 to be responsible for coordination of services and outcomes around children's mental health
 49.6 and for children with or at risk for disabilities within and between the Department of Children,
 49.7 Youth, and Families; the Department of Human Services; and related agencies.

49.8 **Sec. 27. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

49.9 The revisor of statutes must correct any statutory cross-references consistent with this
 49.10 act.

49.11 **Sec. 28. REPEALER.**

49.12 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.975, subdivision 8, is repealed.

49.13 (b) Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 2, sections 1, subdivision 11; 3, subdivision 3; 4,
 49.14 subdivision 4; 10, subdivision 4; 33; and 69, are repealed.

49.15 (c) Minnesota Rules, part 9545.0845, is repealed.

49.16 **Sec. 29. REPEALER.**

49.17 Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, sections 38, subdivisions 3, 4, and 11; 39; and 43,
 49.18 subdivision 2; and Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 7, sections 3; and 9, are repealed.

49.19 **ARTICLE 6**

49.20 **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

49.21 **Section 1.** Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.151, subdivision 6, is
 49.22 amended to read:

49.23 **Subd. 6. Participation limits.** (a) Notwithstanding section 126C.05, subdivision 1,
 49.24 paragraph (c), the pupil units for a voluntary prekindergarten program for an eligible school
 49.25 district or charter school must not exceed 60 percent of the kindergarten pupil units for that
 49.26 school district or charter school under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

49.27 (b) In reviewing applications under subdivision 5, the commissioner must limit the total
 49.28 number of participants in the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs
 49.29 under Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 8, section 9, to not more than 7,160

50.1 participants for fiscal ~~years 2023, year 2024, and 2025~~, and 12,360 participants for fiscal
50.2 year ~~2026~~ 2025 and later.

50.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

50.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.165, subdivision 3, is amended
50.5 to read:

50.6 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a schedule of tiered
50.7 per-child scholarship amounts based on the results of the rate survey conducted under section
50.8 119B.02, subdivision 7, the cost of providing high-quality early care and learning to children
50.9 in varying circumstances, a family's income, and geographic location.

50.10 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a program that has a four-star rating under section
50.11 124D.142 must receive, for each scholarship recipient who meets the criteria in subdivision
50.12 2a, paragraph (b) or (c), an amount not less than the cost to provide full-time care at the
50.13 75th percentile of the most recent market rate survey under section 119B.02, subdivision
50.14 7.

50.15 (c) A four-star rated program that has children eligible for a scholarship enrolled in or
50.16 on a waiting list for a program beginning in July, August, or September may notify the
50.17 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, each year of the
50.18 program's desire to enhance program services or to serve more children than current funding
50.19 provides. The commissioner may designate a predetermined number of scholarship slots
50.20 for that program and notify the program of that number. For fiscal year 2018 and later, the
50.21 statewide amount of funding directly designated by the commissioner must not exceed the
50.22 funding directly designated for fiscal year 2017. Beginning July 1, 2016, a school district
50.23 or Head Start program qualifying under this paragraph may use its established registration
50.24 process to enroll scholarship recipients and may verify a scholarship recipient's family
50.25 income in the same manner as for other program participants.

50.26 (d) A scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period. If the scholarship recipient has not
50.27 been accepted and subsequently enrolled in a rated program within three months of the
50.28 awarding of the scholarship, the scholarship cancels and the recipient must reapply in order
50.29 to be eligible for another scholarship. An extension may be requested if a program is
50.30 unavailable for the child within the three-month timeline. A child may not be awarded more
50.31 than one scholarship in a 12-month period.

50.32 (e) A child who receives a scholarship who has not completed development screening
50.33 under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 must complete that screening within 90 days of first

51.1 attending an eligible program or within 90 days after the child's third birthday if awarded
51.2 a scholarship under the age of three.

51.3 (f) For fiscal year 2017 ~~and later~~ through calendar year 2025, a school district or Head
51.4 Start program enrolling scholarship recipients under paragraph (c) may apply to the
51.5 commissioner, in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, for direct payment
51.6 of state aid. Upon receipt of the application, the commissioner must pay each program
51.7 directly for each approved scholarship recipient enrolled under paragraph (c) according to
51.8 the metered payment system or another schedule established by the commissioner.

51.9 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, the commissioner must:

51.10 (1) make scholarship payments to eligible programs in advance of or at the beginning
51.11 of the delivery of services based on an approved scholarship recipient's enrollment; and

51.12 (2) implement a process for transferring scholarship awards between eligible programs,
51.13 when initiated by a scholarship recipient. Under the process, the commissioner:

51.14 (i) may adjust scholarship payment schedules for eligible programs to account for changes
51.15 in a scholarship recipient's enrollment; and

51.16 (ii) must specify a period of time for which scholarship payments must continue to an
51.17 eligible program for a scholarship recipient who transfers to a different eligible program.

51.18 (h) By January 1, 2026, the commissioner must have information technology systems
51.19 in place that prioritize efficiency and usability for families and early childhood programs
51.20 and that support the following:

51.21 (1) the ability for a family to apply for a scholarship through an online system that allows
51.22 the family to upload documents that demonstrate scholarship eligibility;

51.23 (2) the administration of scholarships, including but not limited to verification of family
51.24 and child eligibility, identification of programs eligible to accept scholarships, management
51.25 of scholarship awards and payments, and communication with families and eligible programs;
51.26 and

51.27 (3) making scholarship payments to eligible programs in advance of or at the beginning
51.28 of the delivery of services for an approved scholarship recipient.

51.29 (i) In creating the information technology systems and functions under paragraph (h),
51.30 the commissioner must consider the requirements for and the potential transition to the great
51.31 start scholarships program under section 119B.99.

52.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.165, subdivision 6, is amended
52.2 to read:

52.3 Subd. 6. **Early learning scholarship account.** (a) An account is established in the
52.4 special revenue fund known as the "early learning scholarship account."

52.5 (b) Funds appropriated for early learning scholarships under this section must be
52.6 transferred to the early learning scholarship account in the special revenue fund.

52.7 (c) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner for early learning
52.8 scholarships under this section. Any returned funds are available to be regranted.

52.9 (d) Up to \$2,133,000 annually is appropriated to the commissioner for costs associated
52.10 with administering and monitoring early learning scholarships.

52.11 (e) The commissioner may use funds under paragraph (c) for the purpose of family
52.12 outreach and distribution of scholarships.

52.13 (f) The commissioner may use ~~up to \$5,000,000 in~~ funds under paragraph (c) to create
52.14 and maintain the information technology systems, including but not limited to an online
52.15 application, a case management system, attendance tracking, and a centralized payment
52.16 system under subdivision 3, paragraph (h). ~~Beginning July 1, 2025, the commissioner may~~
52.17 ~~use up to \$750,000 annually in funds under paragraph (c) to maintain the information~~
52.18 ~~technology systems created under this paragraph.~~

52.19 (g) By December 31 of each year, the commissioner must provide a written report to
52.20 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over early care and education programs on the
52.21 use of funds under paragraph (c) for purposes other than providing scholarships to eligible
52.22 children.

52.23 Sec. 4. [127A.071] DATA SHARING AGREEMENT.

52.24 The commissioner shall enter into a data sharing agreement with the commissioner of
52.25 revenue to obtain the minimum return information necessary for the commissioner of
52.26 education to verify an individual's income for purposes of determining the individual's
52.27 eligibility for early care and learning benefits programs administered by the Department of
52.28 Education.

52.29 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

52.30 Subd. 6. **Head Start program.** (a) For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,
52.31 section 119A.52:

53.1 \$ 35,100,000 2024

53.2 \$ 35,100,000 2025

53.3 (b) Up to two percent of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 is available for
53.4 administration.

53.5 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

53.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

53.7 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

53.8 Subd. 24. **Early childhood curriculum grants.** (a) For competitive grants to Minnesota
53.9 postsecondary institutions to improve the curricula of the recipient institution's early
53.10 childhood education programs by incorporating or conforming to the Minnesota knowledge
53.11 and competency frameworks for early childhood professionals:

53.12 \$ 250,000 2024

53.13 \$ 250,000 2025

53.14 (b) By December 1, 2024, and again by December 1, 2025, the commissioner must
53.15 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
53.16 with jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12 education and higher education
53.17 finance and policy reporting on grants awarded under this subdivision. The report must
53.18 include the following information for the previous fiscal year:

53.19 (1) the number of grant applications received;

53.20 (2) the criteria applied by the commissioner for evaluating applications;

53.21 (3) the number of grants awarded, grant recipients, and amounts awarded;

53.22 (4) early childhood education curricular reforms proposed by each recipient institution;

53.23 (5) grant outcomes for each recipient institution; and

53.24 (6) other information identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

53.25 (c) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of the appropriation under
53.26 this subdivision to administer the grant program.

53.27 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

53.28 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

53.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 7

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund or other named fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the addition to or subtraction from the appropriation listed under them is available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. Base adjustments mean the addition to or subtraction from the base level adjustment set in Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20. Supplemental appropriations and reductions to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, are effective the day following final enactment unless a different effective date is explicit.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

Sec. 2. COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,193,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>29,884,000</u>
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Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>2,193,000</u>	<u>29,884,000</u>

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Central Office; Operations

Appropriations by Fund

<u>General</u>	<u>(405,000)</u>	<u>12,872,000</u>
<u>TANF</u>	<u>(990,000)</u>	<u>(1,094,000)</u>

(a) Child welfare technology system.

\$8,657,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for information technology improvements to the

55.1 statewide child welfare information system.

55.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

55.3 **(b) Base level adjustment.** The general fund

55.4 base is increased by \$4,411,000 in fiscal year

55.5 2026 and by \$4,411,000 in fiscal year 2027.

55.6 The TANF base is decreased by \$1,094,000

55.7 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$1,094,000 in fiscal

55.8 year 2027.

55.9 **Subd. 3. Central Office; Children and Families**

55.10 Appropriations by Fund

55.11 <u>General</u>	<u>2,598,000</u>	<u>6,467,000</u>
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55.12 <u>TANF</u>	<u>990,000</u>	<u>1,094,000</u>
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55.13 **(a) Child maltreatment reporting review.**

55.14 \$200,000 in fiscal year 2025 is to conduct a

55.15 review of child maltreatment reporting

55.16 processes and systems in various states,

55.17 evaluate the costs and benefits of each

55.18 reviewed state's system, and submit a report

55.19 to the legislature with recommendations. This

55.20 is a onetime appropriation.

55.21 **(b) Child welfare fiscal analysis.** \$250,000

55.22 in fiscal year 2025 is for a contract with a

55.23 third-party consultant to conduct an

55.24 independent fiscal analysis of the child welfare

55.25 system in Minnesota. This is a onetime

55.26 appropriation and is available until June 30,

55.27 2026.

55.28 **(c) Pregnant and parenting homeless youth**

55.29 **study.** \$150,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for a

55.30 contract with the Wilder Foundation to

55.31 conduct a study of pregnant and parenting

55.32 homeless youth. This is a onetime

55.33 appropriation.

56.1 (d) Needs analysis for LGBTQIA+ youth
 56.2 experiencing homelessness. \$150,000 in
 56.3 fiscal year 2025 is for a contract with the
 56.4 Wilder Foundation to conduct a needs analysis
 56.5 and a site analysis for emergency shelter
 56.6 servicing LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing
 56.7 homelessness. This is a onetime appropriation.

56.8 (e) Base level adjustment. The general fund
 56.9 base is increased by \$5,208,000 in fiscal year
 56.10 2026 and by \$5,208,000 in fiscal year 2027.
 56.11 The TANF base is increased by \$1,094,000
 56.12 in fiscal year 2026 and by \$1,094,000 in fiscal
 56.13 year 2027.

56.14 <u>Subd. 4. Grant Programs; Child Care</u>			
56.15 <u>Development Grants</u>	<u>-0-</u>		<u>360,000</u>

56.16 Child development associate credential
 56.17 coursework. \$360,000 in fiscal year 2025 is
 56.18 for distribution to child care resource and
 56.19 referral programs to coordinate professional
 56.20 development opportunities for child care
 56.21 providers under Minnesota Statutes, section
 56.22 119B.19, subdivision 7, clause (5), for training
 56.23 related to obtaining a child development
 56.24 associate credential. This is a onetime
 56.25 appropriation and is available through June
 56.26 30, 2026.

56.27 <u>Subd. 5. Grant Programs; Children's Services</u>			
56.28 <u>Grants</u>	<u>-0-</u>		<u>760,000</u>

56.29 Preventing nonrelative foster care
 56.30 placement kinship grant. \$760,000 in fiscal
 56.31 year 2025 is for a grant to Lutheran Social
 56.32 Services to provide support and connection to
 56.33 local and statewide resources for relative
 56.34 kinship caregivers who are caring for relative
 56.35 children, to reduce the need for child welfare

57.1 involvement or risk of child welfare
 57.2 involvement, and to increase family stability
 57.3 by preventing nonrelative foster care
 57.4 placement. Grant funds may be used to assess
 57.5 relative kinship caregiver and child needs,
 57.6 provide connection to local and statewide
 57.7 resources, provide case management to assist
 57.8 with complex cases, and provide supports to
 57.9 reduce the need for child welfare involvement
 57.10 or risk of child welfare involvement and
 57.11 increase family stability by preventing
 57.12 nonrelative foster care placement. This is a
 57.13 onetime appropriation.

57.14 **Subd. 6. Grant Programs; Child and Community**
 57.15 **Service Grants**

-0- (2,704,000)

57.16 **Subd. 7. Grant Programs; Children and**
 57.17 **Economic Support Grants**

-0- 9,111,000

57.18 **(a) American Indian food sovereignty**
 57.19 **funding program. \$1,000,000 in fiscal year**
 57.20 **2025 is for the American Indian food**
 57.21 **sovereignty funding program under Minnesota**
 57.22 **Statutes, section 256E.342. This is a onetime**
 57.23 **appropriation and is available until June 30,**
 57.24 **2026.**

57.25 **(b) Minnesota food bank funding.**
 57.26 **\$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for**
 57.27 **Minnesota's regional food banks that the**
 57.28 **commissioner contracts with for the purposes**
 57.29 **of the emergency food assistance program**
 57.30 **(TEFAP). The commissioner shall distribute**
 57.31 **funding under this paragraph in accordance**
 57.32 **with the federal TEFAP formula and**
 57.33 **guidelines of the United States Department of**
 57.34 **Agriculture. Funding must be used by all**
 57.35 **regional food banks to purchase food that will**
 57.36 **be distributed free of charge to TEFAP partner**

58.1 agencies. Funding must also cover the
58.2 handling and delivery fees typically paid by
58.3 food shelves to food banks to ensure that costs
58.4 associated with funding under this paragraph
58.5 are not incurred at the local level. This is a
58.6 onetime appropriation.

58.7 **(c) Minnesota food shelf program.**
58.8 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for the
58.9 Minnesota food shelf program under
58.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.34. This is
58.11 a onetime appropriation.

58.12 **(d) Emergency services program. \$4,000,000**
58.13 in fiscal year 2025 is for emergency services
58.14 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
58.15 256E.36. The commissioner must distribute
58.16 grants under this paragraph to entities that
58.17 received an emergency services grant award
58.18 for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and have
58.19 emerging, critical, and immediate
58.20 homelessness response needs that have arisen
58.21 since receiving the award, including: (1) the
58.22 need to support overnight emergency shelter
58.23 capacity or daytime service capacity that has
58.24 a demonstrated and significant increase in the
58.25 number of persons served in fiscal year 2024
58.26 compared to fiscal year 2023; and (2) the need
58.27 to maintain existing overnight emergency
58.28 shelter bed capacity or daytime service
58.29 capacity that has a demonstrated and
58.30 significant risk of closure before April 30,
58.31 2025. This is a onetime appropriation and is
58.32 available until June 30, 2027.

58.33 **(e) Base level adjustment.** The general fund
58.34 base is reduced by \$2,593,000 in fiscal year
58.35 2026 and by \$2,593,000 in fiscal year 2027.

59.1	<u>Subd. 8. Fraud Prevention Grants</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,018,000</u>
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59.2 **Base level adjustment.** The general fund base
 59.3 is increased by \$3,018,000 in fiscal year 2026
 59.4 and by \$3,018,000 in fiscal year 2027.

59.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

59.6	<u>Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,822,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,715,000</u>
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59.7 (a) **Summer EBT.** \$1,822,000 in fiscal year
 59.8 2024 and \$1,542,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
 59.9 for administration of the summer electronic
 59.10 benefits transfer program under Public Law
 59.11 117-328. The base for this appropriation is
 59.12 \$572,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$572,000 in
 59.13 fiscal year 2027.

59.14 (b) **Operating adjustment due to DCYF**
 59.15 **transition.** \$173,000 in fiscal year 2025 is for
 59.16 the agency to maintain current levels of service
 59.17 after the transition of staff and resources to
 59.18 the Department of Children, Youth, and
 59.19 Families. The base for this appropriation is
 59.20 \$345,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$345,000 in
 59.21 fiscal year 2027.

59.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

59.23	<u>Sec. 4. COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN,</u>				
59.24	<u>YOUTH, AND FAMILIES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,279,000</u>

59.25 **Base level adjustment.** The general fund base
 59.26 is increased by \$7,183,000 in fiscal year 2026
 59.27 and \$6,833,000 in fiscal year 2027.

59.28	<u>Sec. 5. OFFICE OF THE FAMILY CHILD</u>				
59.29	<u>CARE OMBUDSPERSON</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>350,000</u>

59.30 This is a onetime appropriation.

59.31	<u>Sec. 6. SUPREME COURT</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>800,000</u>
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59.32 **Supreme Court Council on Child**
 59.33 **Protection.** \$800,000 in fiscal year 2025 is

60.1 for the establishment and administration of
 60.2 the Supreme Court Council on Child
 60.3 Protection. This is a onetime appropriation
 60.4 and is available until June 30, 2026.

60.5 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 2, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

60.6 **Subd. 22. Grant Programs; Children's Services**
 60.7 **Grants**

60.8	Appropriations by Fund		
60.9	General	86,212,000	85,063,000
60.10	Federal TANF	140,000	140,000

60.11 **(a) Title IV-E Adoption Assistance.** The
 60.12 commissioner shall allocate funds from the
 60.13 state's savings from the Fostering Connections
 60.14 to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act's
 60.15 expanded eligibility for Title IV-E adoption
 60.16 assistance as required in Minnesota Statutes,
 60.17 section 256N.261, and as allowable under
 60.18 federal law. Additional savings to the state as
 60.19 a result of the Fostering Connections to
 60.20 Success and Increasing Adoptions Act's
 60.21 expanded eligibility for Title IV-E adoption
 60.22 assistance is for postadoption, foster care,
 60.23 adoption, and kinship services, including a
 60.24 parent-to-parent support network and as
 60.25 allowable under federal law.

60.26 **(b) Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe American**
 60.27 **Indian child welfare initiative.** \$3,337,000
 60.28 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,294,000 in fiscal
 60.29 year 2025 are from the general fund for the
 60.30 Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to join the
 60.31 American Indian child welfare initiative. The
 60.32 base for this appropriation is \$7,893,000 in
 60.33 fiscal year 2026 and \$7,893,000 in fiscal year
 60.34 2027.

- 61.1 **(c) Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe American**
61.2 **Indian child welfare initiative.** \$1,848,000
61.3 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,848,000 in fiscal
61.4 year 2025 are from the general fund for the
61.5 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to participate in
61.6 the American Indian child welfare initiative.
- 61.7 **(d) Red Lake Band of Chippewa American**
61.8 **Indian child welfare initiative.** \$3,000,000
61.9 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal
61.10 year 2025 are from the general fund for the
61.11 Red Lake Band of Chippewa to participate in
61.12 the American Indian child welfare initiative.
- 61.13 **(e) White Earth Nation American Indian**
61.14 **child welfare initiative.** \$3,776,000 in fiscal
61.15 year 2024 and \$3,776,000 in fiscal year 2025
61.16 are from the general fund for the White Earth
61.17 Nation to participate in the American Indian
61.18 child welfare initiative.
- 61.19 **(f) Indian Child welfare grants.** \$4,405,000
61.20 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,405,000 in fiscal
61.21 year 2025 are from the general fund for Indian
61.22 child welfare grants under Minnesota Statutes,
61.23 section 260.785. The base for this
61.24 appropriation is \$4,640,000 in fiscal year 2026
61.25 and \$4,640,000 in fiscal year 2027.
- 61.26 **(g) Child welfare staff allocation for Tribes.**
61.27 \$799,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$799,000 in
61.28 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
61.29 grants to Tribes for child welfare staffing
61.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 260.786.
- 61.31 **(h) Grants for kinship navigator services.**
61.32 \$764,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$764,000 in
61.33 fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund for
61.34 grants for kinship navigator services and

62.1 grants to Tribal Nations for kinship navigator
62.2 services under Minnesota Statutes, section
62.3 256.4794. The base for this appropriation is
62.4 \$506,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$507,000 in
62.5 fiscal year 2027.

62.6 **(i) Family first prevention and early**
62.7 **intervention assessment response grants.**
62.8 \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,112,000
62.9 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
62.10 for family assessment response grants under
62.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 260.014. The base
62.12 for this appropriation is \$6,000,000 in fiscal
62.13 year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.

62.14 **(j) Grants for evidence-based prevention**
62.15 **and early intervention services.** \$4,329,000
62.16 in fiscal year 2024 and \$4,100,000 in fiscal
62.17 year 2025 are from the general fund for grants
62.18 to support evidence-based prevention and early
62.19 intervention services under Minnesota
62.20 Statutes, section 256.4793.

62.21 **(k) Grant to administer pool of qualified**
62.22 **individuals for assessments.** \$250,000 in
62.23 fiscal year 2024 and \$250,000 in fiscal year
62.24 2025 are from the general fund for grants to
62.25 establish and manage a pool of state-funded
62.26 qualified individuals to conduct assessments
62.27 for out-of-home placement of a child in a
62.28 qualified residential treatment program.

62.29 **(l) Quality parenting initiative grant**
62.30 **program.** \$100,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
62.31 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from the
62.32 general fund for a grant to Quality Parenting
62.33 Initiative Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,
62.34 section 245.0962.

63.1 (m) **STAY in the community grants.**
 63.2 \$1,579,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,247,000
 63.3 in fiscal year 2025 are from the general fund
 63.4 for the STAY in the community program
 63.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 260C.452.
 63.6 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 63.7 available until June 30, 2027.

63.8 (n) **Grants for community resource centers.**
 63.9 \$5,657,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the
 63.10 general fund for grants to establish a network
 63.11 of community resource centers. This is a
 63.12 onetime appropriation and is available until
 63.13 June 30, 2027.

63.14 ~~(o) **Family assets for independence in**~~
 63.15 ~~**Minnesota.** \$1,405,000 in fiscal year 2024~~
 63.16 ~~and \$1,391,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from~~
 63.17 ~~the general fund for the family assets for~~
 63.18 ~~independence in Minnesota program, under~~
 63.19 ~~Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.35. This is~~
 63.20 ~~a onetime appropriation and is available until~~
 63.21 ~~June 30, 2027.~~

63.22 ~~(p)~~ (o) **Base level adjustment.** The general
 63.23 fund base is \$85,280,000 in fiscal year 2026
 63.24 and \$85,281,000 in fiscal year 2027.

63.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

63.26 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 2, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

63.27	Subd. 24. Grant Programs; Children and		
63.28	Economic Support Grants	212,877,000	78,333,000

63.29 (a) **Fraud prevention initiative start-up**
 63.30 **grants.** \$400,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for
 63.31 start-up grants to the Red Lake Nation, White
 63.32 Earth Nation, and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
 63.33 to develop a fraud prevention program. This

64.1 is a onetime appropriation and is available
64.2 until June 30, 2025.

64.3 **(b) American Indian food sovereignty**
64.4 **funding program.** \$3,000,000 in fiscal year
64.5 2024 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are
64.6 for Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.342. This
64.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
64.8 The base for this appropriation is \$2,000,000
64.9 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal
64.10 year 2027.

64.11 **(c) Hennepin County grants to provide**
64.12 **services to people experiencing**
64.13 **homelessness.** \$11,432,000 in fiscal year 2024
64.14 is for grants to maintain capacity for shelters
64.15 and services provided to persons experiencing
64.16 homelessness in Hennepin County. Of this
64.17 amount:

64.18 (1) \$4,500,000 is for a grant to Avivo Village;

64.19 (2) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the American
64.20 Indian Community Development Corporation
64.21 Homeward Bound shelter;

64.22 (3) \$1,650,000 is for a grant to the Salvation
64.23 Army Harbor Lights shelter;

64.24 (4) \$500,000 is for a grant to Agate Housing
64.25 and Services;

64.26 (5) \$1,400,000 is for a grant to Catholic
64.27 Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis;

64.28 (6) \$450,000 is for a grant to Simpson
64.29 Housing; and

64.30 (7) \$932,000 is for a grant to Hennepin
64.31 County.

64.32 Nothing shall preclude an eligible organization
64.33 receiving funding under this paragraph from

65.1 applying for and receiving funding under
65.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33, 256E.36,
65.3 256K.45, or 256K.47, nor does receiving
65.4 funding under this paragraph count against
65.5 any eligible organization in the competitive
65.6 processes related to those grant programs
65.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33,
65.8 256E.36, 256K.45, or 256K.47.

65.9 **(d) Diaper distribution grant program.**
65.10 \$545,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$553,000 in
65.11 fiscal year 2025 are for a grant to the Diaper
65.12 Bank of Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,
65.13 section 256E.38.

65.14 **(e) Prepared meals food relief.** \$1,654,000
65.15 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,638,000 in fiscal
65.16 year 2025 are for prepared meals food relief
65.17 grants. This is a onetime appropriation.

65.18 **(f) Emergency shelter facilities.** \$98,456,000
65.19 in fiscal year 2024 is for grants to eligible
65.20 applicants for emergency shelter facilities.
65.21 This is a onetime appropriation and is
65.22 available until June 30, 2028.

65.23 **(g) Homeless youth cash stipend pilot**
65.24 **project.** \$5,302,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for
65.25 a grant to Youthprise for the homeless youth
65.26 cash stipend pilot project. The grant must be
65.27 used to provide cash stipends to homeless
65.28 youth, provide cash incentives for stipend
65.29 recipients to participate in periodic surveys,
65.30 provide youth-designed optional services, and
65.31 complete a legislative report. This is a onetime
65.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,
65.33 ~~2028~~ 2027.

66.1 **(h) Heading Home Ramsey County**
66.2 **continuum of care grants.** \$11,432,000 in
66.3 fiscal year 2024 is for grants to maintain
66.4 capacity for shelters and services provided to
66.5 people experiencing homelessness in Ramsey
66.6 County. Of this amount:

66.7 (1) \$2,286,000 is for a grant to Catholic
66.8 Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis;

66.9 (2) \$1,498,000 is for a grant to More Doors;

66.10 (3) \$1,734,000 is for a grant to Interfaith
66.11 Action Project Home;

66.12 (4) \$2,248,000 is for a grant to Ramsey
66.13 County;

66.14 (5) \$689,000 is for a grant to Radas Health;

66.15 (6) \$493,000 is for a grant to The Listening
66.16 House;

66.17 (7) \$512,000 is for a grant to Face to Face;
66.18 and

66.19 (8) \$1,972,000 is for a grant to the city of St.
66.20 Paul.

66.21 Nothing shall preclude an eligible organization
66.22 receiving funding under this paragraph from
66.23 applying for and receiving funding under
66.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33, 256E.36,
66.25 256K.45, or 256K.47, nor does receiving
66.26 funding under this paragraph count against
66.27 any eligible organization in the competitive
66.28 processes related to those grant programs
66.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.33,
66.30 256E.36, 256K.45, or 256K.47.

66.31 **(i) Capital for emergency food distribution**
66.32 **facilities.** \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for
66.33 improving and expanding the infrastructure

67.1 of food shelf facilities. Grant money must be
67.2 made available to nonprofit organizations,
67.3 federally recognized Tribes, and local units of
67.4 government. This is a onetime appropriation
67.5 and is available until June 30, 2027.

67.6 **(j) Emergency services program grants.**

67.7 \$15,250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and
67.8 \$14,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are for
67.9 emergency services grants under Minnesota
67.10 Statutes, section 256E.36. Any unexpended
67.11 amount in the first year does not cancel and
67.12 is available in the second year. The base for
67.13 this appropriation is \$25,000,000 in fiscal year
67.14 2026 and \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2027.

67.15 **(k) Homeless Youth Act grants.** \$15,136,000
67.16 in fiscal year 2024 and \$15,136,000 in fiscal
67.17 year 2025 are for grants under Minnesota
67.18 Statutes, section 256K.45, subdivision 1. Any
67.19 unexpended amount in the first year does not
67.20 cancel and is available in the second year.

67.21 **(l) Transitional housing programs.**

67.22 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000
67.23 in fiscal year 2025 are for transitional housing
67.24 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section
67.25 256E.33. Any unexpended amount in the first
67.26 year does not cancel and is available in the
67.27 second year.

67.28 **(m) Safe harbor shelter and housing grants.**

67.29 \$2,125,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,125,000
67.30 in fiscal year 2025 are for grants under
67.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 256K.47. Any
67.32 unexpended amount in the first year does not
67.33 cancel and is available in the second year. The
67.34 base for this appropriation is \$1,250,000 in

68.1 fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year
68.2 2027.

68.3 **(n) Supplemental nutrition assistance**
68.4 **program (SNAP) outreach.** \$1,000,000 in
68.5 fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year
68.6 2025 are for the SNAP outreach program
68.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.65.
68.8 The base for this appropriation is \$500,000 in
68.9 fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year
68.10 2027.

68.11 **(o) Base level adjustment.** The general fund
68.12 base is \$83,179,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
68.13 \$88,179,000 in fiscal year 2027.

68.14 **(p) Minnesota food assistance program.**
68.15 Unexpended funds for the Minnesota food
68.16 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes,
68.17 section 256D.64, for fiscal year 2024 are
68.18 available until June 30, 2025.

68.19 **(q) Family assets for independence in**
68.20 **Minnesota.** \$1,405,000 in fiscal year 2024
68.21 and \$1,391,000 in fiscal year 2025 are from
68.22 the general fund for the family assets for
68.23 independence in Minnesota program under
68.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.35. This is
68.25 a onetime appropriation and is available under
68.26 June 30, 2027.

68.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

68.28 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 20, section 23, is amended to read:

68.29 Sec. 23. **TRANSFERS.**

68.30 Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commissioner of human services and commissioner of
68.31 children, youth, and families, with the approval of the commissioner of management and
68.32 budget, may transfer unencumbered appropriation balances for the biennium ending June

69.1 30, 2025, within fiscal years among MFIP; general assistance; medical assistance;
 69.2 MinnesotaCare; MFIP child care assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.05;
 69.3 Minnesota supplemental aid program; housing support program; the entitlement portion of
 69.4 Northstar Care for Children under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256N; and the entitlement
 69.5 portion of the behavioral health fund between fiscal years of the biennium. The commissioner
 69.6 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
 69.7 jurisdiction over health and human services quarterly about transfers made under this
 69.8 subdivision.

69.9 Subd. 2. **Administration.** Positions, salary money, and nonsalary administrative money
 69.10 may be transferred within and between the Department of Human Services and Department
 69.11 of Children, Youth, and Families as the commissioners consider necessary, with the advance
 69.12 approval of the commissioner of management and budget. The commissioners shall report
 69.13 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
 69.14 over health and human services finance quarterly about transfers made under this section.

69.15 Sec. 10. **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES FEDERAL**
 69.16 **REIMBURSEMENT.**

69.17 Minnesota Management and Budget shall reflect Department of Children, Youth, and
 69.18 Families federal reimbursement costs as expenditure reductions in the general fund budgeted
 69.19 fund balance as they would be reported in conformity with generally accepted accounting
 69.20 principles."

69.21 Delete the title and insert:

69.22 "A bill for an act

69.23 relating to children; modifying provisions related to child protection, economic
 69.24 supports, housing and homelessness, child care licensing, the Department of
 69.25 Children, Youth, and Families, and early childhood education; requiring reports;
 69.26 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245.975,
 69.27 subdivisions 2, 4, 9; 256.045, subdivisions 3b, as amended, 5, as amended, 7, as
 69.28 amended; 256.0451, subdivisions 1, as amended, 22, 24; 256.046, subdivision 2,
 69.29 as amended; 256E.35, subdivision 5; 256N.26, subdivisions 12, 13; 260C.4411,
 69.30 by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 124D.151,
 69.31 subdivision 6; 124D.165, subdivisions 3, 6; 256.01, subdivision 12b; 256.045,
 69.32 subdivision 3, as amended; 256E.35, subdivision 2; 256E.38, subdivision 4;
 69.33 518A.42, subdivision 3; Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivisions 6, 24;
 69.34 Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30, subdivisions 2, 3; article 14, section
 69.35 42, by adding a subdivision; article 20, sections 2, subdivisions 22, 24; 23; Laws
 69.36 2024, chapter 80, article 1, sections 38, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9; 96; article 2,
 69.37 sections 10, subdivision 6; 74; article 4, section 26; article 6, section 4; proposing
 69.38 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 127A; 142A; 256D; 260E;
 69.39 proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 142B; repealing
 69.40 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245.975, subdivision 8; 245A.065; 256.01,
 69.41 subdivisions 12, 12a; Laws 2024, chapter 80, article 1, sections 38, subdivisions

70.1 3, 4, 11; 39; 43, subdivision 2; article 2, sections 1, subdivision 11; 3, subdivision
70.2 3; 4, subdivision 4; 10, subdivision 4; 33; 69; article 7, sections 3; 9; Minnesota
70.3 Rules, parts 9545.0845; 9560.0232, subpart 5."