Overview

This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the child care assistance programs, deleting references to AFDC, changing MFIP-S to MFIP, and eliminating or repealing obsolete language and program provisions.

Section

1-22 Applicant; family. Technical changes to definition of applicant and family in the child care assistance programs. Caretaker is changed to caregiver.

3 MFIP. Changes a term that is defined from MFIP-S to MFIP and specifies that it includes the state MFIP program and the work first program.

4 Provider. Technical changes to the definition of provider in the child care assistance programs. AFDC is replaced with MFIP. Specifies that a provider cannot be a member of the family receiving child care assistance.

5 Transition year families. Specifies that families leaving work first are eligible for transition year and that child care assistance is available for job search. Technical change substituting MFIP for AFDC.

6 Child care services. Technical change to federal law citation. Makes simplifying changes to existing language.

7 Allocation period; notice of allocation. Changes the name of and the citation for the required county child care plan.

8 Waiting list. Removes obsolete language on treatment of student applications for child care assistance.

9 Eligible recipients. Adds work first participants to eligible recipients for the basic sliding fee program. Deletes reference to AFDC.

10 Funding priority. Technical change substituting MFIP for AFDC. Includes work first
participants in the second priority for basic sliding fee assistance.

**Allocation formula.** Requires the distribution of child care funds to counties within a calendar year to be equal and proportionate to each county's original allocation. Any remaining money must be distributed according to existing allocation formulas.

**Portability pool.** Clarifies that unspent funds must be used for the basic sliding fee program.

**Commissioner to administer program.** Corrects citation and delete unnecessary language.

**Eligible recipients.** Technical change substituting MFIP for AFDC and deleting obsolete and unnecessary language.

**Commissioner to administer block grant.** Deletes unnecessary language.

**Use of money.** Eliminates exemption for post-secondary options students and assistance for post-secondary students contingent on funding and successful completion of a first year. Substitutes MFIP for AFDC, caregiver for caretaker, and employment plan for employability development plans.

**Child care fund plan.** Changes the name of the required county child care plan. Clarifies that the plan must specify the rates paid for children with special needs.

**General eligibility requirements for all applicants for child care assistance.** Technical change substituting MFIP for aid to families with dependent children. Eliminates requirements related to eligibility for the former AFDC program. Clarifies that the required cooperation with child support includes all children in the family.

**Priorities; allocations.** Substitutes MFIP for AFDC.

**Assistance for persons seeking and retaining employment.** Substitutes person for caregiver.

**Recovery of overpayments.** Changes recoup to recover.

**Subsidy restrictions.** Eliminates obsolete and unnecessary language. Clarifies that the commissioner of children, families and learning is responsible for evaluating market practices for child care absences.

**Provider rate for care of children with handicaps or special needs.** Clarifying language.

**Provider notice.** Changes vendor to provider.

**Extension of employment opportunities.** Substitutes MFIP for aid to families with dependent children.

**Administrative expenses.** Substitutes MFIP for AFDC.

**Instruction to revisor.** Directs the revisor to delete AFDC from the headnote to a statutory section.

**Repealer.** Repeals sections 119B.01, subdivision 15, defining AFDC in the child care assistance program; 119B.03, subdivision 7, temporary allocation to counties; 119B.05, subdivision 6 and 7, obsolete Access child care program and sunsets child care assistance diversion program, which sunset after one year.