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Overview

Requires school districts and county social service agencies to collaborate in providing a truancy prevention pilot program in at least one urban and one rural school district for tardy and absent school-age children under 13 whose families are on MFIP.

Section

1 Truancy prevention program.
   Subd. 1. Pilot projects. Directs the human services commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of children, families and learning, to collaborate with school districts and county social service agencies in developing a truancy prevention pilot program in at least one urban and one rural school district for tardy and absent school-age children under 13 whose families are on MFIP. Directs schools to refer such families to county social service agencies for an assessment and to develop a corrective action plan to ensure children's punctual and regular school attendance. Directs a school to report to the county agency those families failing to follow their corrective action plan and makes such families subject to sanctions involving reductions in MFIP-S grants. Allows the human services commissioner to expand the program with agreement from school districts. Directs the commissioner to report to the legislature by November 30, 2000, on the success in implementing the pilot projects under this section.
   Subd. 2. Transfer of attendance data. Notwithstanding restrictions on access to student records, directs the commissioners of human services and children, families and learning to develop procedures to transmit student attendance data to county social services agencies for purposes of implementing this pilot program.