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H. F. No. 2294

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; providing a supplementary rate for a certain group
1.3 residential housing provider; modifying the general assistance program;
1.4 modifying early childhood learning and child protection facilities; amending
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 256D.06, subdivision 1b; 256E.37, subdivision
1.6 1; 256I.05, subdivision 1e.

1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256D.06, subdivision 1b, is amended to
1.9 read:

1.10 Subd. 1b. **Earned income savings account.** In addition to the \$50 disregard
1.11 required under subdivision 1, the county agency shall disregard an additional earned
1.12 income up to a maximum of ~~\$150~~ \$500 per month for: (1) persons residing in facilities
1.13 licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0690 and 9530.2500 to
1.14 9530.4000, and for whom discharge and work are part of a treatment plan; (2) persons
1.15 living in supervised apartments with services funded under Minnesota Rules, parts
1.16 9535.0100 to 9535.1600, and for whom discharge and work are part of a treatment plan;
1.17 and (3) persons residing in group residential housing, as that term is defined in section
1.18 256I.03, subdivision 3, for whom the county agency has approved a discharge plan
1.19 which includes work. The additional amount disregarded must be placed in a separate
1.20 savings account by the eligible individual, to be used upon discharge from the residential
1.21 facility into the community. For individuals residing in a chemical dependency program
1.22 licensed under Minnesota Rules, part 9530.4100, subpart 22, item D, withdrawals from
1.23 the savings account require the signature of the individual and for those individuals with
1.24 an authorized representative payee, the signature of the payee. A maximum of ~~\$1,000~~
1.25 \$2,000, including interest, of the money in the savings account must be excluded from

2.1 the resource limits established by section 256D.08, subdivision 1, clause (1). Amounts in
 2.2 that account in excess of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 must be applied to the resident's cost of care. If
 2.3 excluded money is removed from the savings account by the eligible individual at any
 2.4 time before the individual is discharged from the facility into the community, the money is
 2.5 income to the individual in the month of receipt and a resource in subsequent months. If
 2.6 an eligible individual moves from a community facility to an inpatient hospital setting,
 2.7 the separate savings account is an excluded asset for up to 18 months. During that time,
 2.8 amounts that accumulate in excess of the ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 savings limit must be applied to
 2.9 the patient's cost of care. If the patient continues to be hospitalized at the conclusion of the
 2.10 18-month period, the entire account must be applied to the patient's cost of care.

2.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256E.37, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.12 Subdivision 1. **Grant authority.** The commissioner may make grants to state
 2.13 agencies and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for early childhood
 2.14 programs, crisis nurseries, or parenting time centers. The following requirements apply:

2.15 (1) The facilities must be owned by the state or a political subdivision, but may
 2.16 be leased under section 16A.695 to organizations that operate the programs. The
 2.17 commissioner must prescribe the terms and conditions of the leases.

2.18 (2) A grant for an individual facility must not exceed \$500,000 for each program
 2.19 that is housed in the facility, up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 for a facility that houses
 2.20 three programs or more. Programs include Head Start, School Readiness, Early Childhood
 2.21 Family Education, licensed child care, and other early childhood intervention programs.

2.22 (3) State appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds.
 2.23 The matching requirement must apply program wide and not to individual grants.

2.24 (4) Grants are limited to facilities located in counties not included in the definition
 2.25 under section 473.121, subdivision 4.

2.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256I.05, subdivision 1e, is amended to read:

2.27 Subd. 1e. **Supplementary rate for certain facilities.** (a) Notwithstanding the
 2.28 provisions of subdivisions 1a and 1c, beginning July 1, 2005, a county agency shall
 2.29 negotiate a supplementary rate in addition to the rate specified in subdivision 1, not to
 2.30 exceed \$700 per month, including any legislatively authorized inflationary adjustments,
 2.31 for a group residential housing provider that:

2.32 (1) is located in Hennepin County and has had a group residential housing contract
 2.33 with the county since June 1996;

3.1 (2) operates in three separate locations a 75-bed facility, a 50-bed facility, and a
3.2 26-bed facility; and

3.3 (3) serves a chemically dependent clientele, providing 24 hours per day supervision
3.4 and limiting a resident's maximum length of stay to 13 months out of a consecutive
3.5 24-month period.

3.6 (b) Notwithstanding subdivisions 1a and 1c, beginning July 1, 2013, a county
3.7 agency shall negotiate a supplementary rate in addition to the rate specified in subdivision
3.8 1, not to exceed \$700 per month, including any legislatively authorized inflationary
3.9 adjustments, for the group residential provider described under paragraph (a), not to
3.10 exceed an additional 175 beds.