

Subject Modifying the child care assistance program

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Overview

This bill includes the governor's policy recommendations for the child care assistance program.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Recovery of overpayments.</p> <p>Amends §119B.11, subd. 2a. Allows the commissioner of human services to initiate efforts to recover child care assistance overpayments from families and providers. Under current law, only county agencies are specified as being able to initiate recovery efforts. Specifies that any amount of child care assistance overpayments to families or providers that are the result of fraud, theft, or a federal crime related to theft of state funds or fraudulent receipt of benefits must be recouped through voluntary repayments or civil proceedings (unless the costs to recover the payments exceed the amount of the overpayment).</p> |
| 2 | <p>Authorization.</p> <p>Amends §119B.125, subd. 1. Prohibits county agencies from issuing provisional authorization and payment for child care assistance to providers while the agency is determining whether to give the provider final authorization for child care assistance.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Provider payments.</p> <p>Amends §119B.13, subd. 6. Adds certified, license-exempt child care providers to the list of providers that may have their child care assistance authorization refused or revoked or payments stopped or refused by a county agency or the commissioner of human services. Provides circumstances under which a child care provider must forfeit child care assistance payments to a county agency or the commissioner of human services.</p> |

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4	<p>Absent days.</p> <p>Amends §119B.13, subd. 7. Modifies the circumstances under which a family receiving child care assistance is assessed an overpayment for absent days.</p>
5	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals §119B.04, which authorizes the commissioner of human services to receive, administer, and expend funds under the child care and development fund and allows the commissioner to adopt rules to administer the fund.</p> <p>Repeals §119B.125, subd. 5, which allows county agencies to issue provisional authorization and payment for child care assistance to providers while the county is determining whether to give the provider final authorization for child care assistance.</p>



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