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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; excluding certain payments from income and assets  
1.3 for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for certain economic  
1.4 assistance and health care programs; requiring a report.

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

1.6 Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; INCOME AND ASSET EXCLUSION  
1.7 FOR ST. PAUL GUARANTEED INCOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
1.9 subdivision have the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services unless specified  
1.11 otherwise.

1.12 (c) "Guaranteed income demonstration project" means a demonstration project in St.  
1.13 Paul to evaluate how unconditional cash payments have a causal effect on income volatility,  
1.14 financial well-being, and early childhood development in infants and toddlers.

1.15 Subd. 2. Commissioner; income and asset exclusion. (a) During the duration of the  
1.16 guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner shall not count payments made  
1.17 to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project as income or assets for purposes  
1.18 of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

1.19 (1) child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; and

1.20 (2) the Minnesota family investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary  
1.21 work program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

2.1 (b) During the duration of the guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner  
2.2 shall not count payments made to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project  
2.3 as income for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

2.4 (1) medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; and

2.5 (2) MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Report.** The commissioner shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking  
2.7 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over human services policy  
2.8 and finance by February 15, 2023, with information on the progress and outcomes of the  
2.9 guaranteed income demonstration project under this section.

2.10 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2023.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021, except for subdivision 2,  
2.12 paragraph (b), which is effective July 1, 2021, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.