FFPSA Policy Bill (HF 1340) – Amendment Index

Amendment Line Number(s)	Amendment	Reason
1.2	Page 3, line 14, after "260C.708" insert "and chapter 260D"	Confirms that when engaging a family for case planning that they must also do so in accordance with Chapter 260D if the placement is made through that chapter.
1.3 – 1.4	Page 3, line 18, strike "chapter" and insert "chapters" Page 3, line 19, before the period, insert "and 2600"	Confirms that 260D will apply for cases under that chapter.
1.5 – 5.13	Page 3, after line 20, inserts provisions defining tribal agencies as "local agencies"	Ensures Initiative Tribes have the same right as counties to enter into local agency contracts for purposes of delivering child welfare services
5.14 – 5.15	Page 3, line 24, strike "not" and insert "qualified to conduct the assessment approved by the commissioner. The qualified individual must not be"	Requested by NAMI and AspireMN: Ensures that the "Qualified Individual" will have some basic training in conducting the assessment.
5.16 – 5.17	Page 6, line 10, after "with" insert "the child's parent or legal guardian," Page 6, line 11, strike "the child's parents"	Taken together, these amendments correct awkward syntax – no substantive changes
5.18 – 6.17	(c) A lead county contract under section 256.0112, subdivision 6, is not required to establish the foster care maintenance payment in paragraph (a) for foster residence settings licensed under chapter 245A that meet the standards of Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.3200 to 2960.3230. The foster care maintenance payment for these settings must be consistent with section 256N.26, subdivision 3, and subject to the annual revision as specified in section 256N.26, subdivision 9.	Requested by MACSSA: Sets a standard rate (basic foster care rate in statute) for payments to foster residence settings that are currently considered family foster care, but under FFPSA will be considered congregate care.

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6.18 – 6.22	Page 15, line 5, reinstate "and request" Page 15, line 6, reinstate "input from" and delete the new language	Taken together, these amendments eliminate language related to construction of family and permanency teams and at lines 7.1 – 7.10 applies it to 260D per the original intent of stakeholders
	Page 15, line 7, delete the new language	and DHS.
	Page 15, delete lines 8 to 12	(Parental involvement in selecting the juvenile screening team is addressed on lines 7.1 – 7.10 of
	Page 15, line 13, delete the new language	the amendment.)
6.23 – 6.28	Page 19, line 3, after the second comma, insert "the child's parent or legal guardian,"	Taken together, these amendments correct awkward syntax – no substantive changes
	Page 19, line 4, delete " <u>a child's parent,</u> "	
	Page 19, line 20, after "inform" insert "the child's parent or legal guardian and" and delete "and the child's parent"	
	Page 19, line 22, after "inform" insert "the child's parent or legal guardian and" and delete "and the child's parent"	
6.29	Page 23, line 18, before the period, insert ", except as modified under this chapter"	Clarifies that while FFPSA requirements in Chapter 260C apply to Chapter 260D, there are some differences for voluntary placements
6.30	Page 24, line 21, delete "and"	Technical change

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7.1 – 7.10	Page 24, line 23, after "members" insert ". For purposes of voluntary placement of a child in foster care for treatment under chapter 260D, prior to forming the child's family and permanency team, the responsible social services agency must consult with the child's parent or legal guardian, the child if the child is 14 years of age or older, and, if applicable, the child's tribe to obtain recommendations regarding which individuals to include on the team and to ensure that the team is family-centered and will act in the child's best interests. If the child, child's parents, or legal guardians raise concerns about specific relatives or professionals, the team should not include those individuals unless the individual is a treating professional or an important connection to the youth as outlined in the case or crisis plan; and" and delete "and if"	This language requires county social services agencies to consult with parents, and a child age 14 and older, when creating the child's family and permanency team. If the parent or child raises concerns about a relative or professional, the county should not include them on the team, with exceptions noted. Applies to family and permanency teams established under 260D only.
7.11	Page 24, delete lines 24 to 27	Eliminates unneeded language due to amendment in lines 7.12 – 7.19
7.12 – 7.19	Page 24, before line 28, insert: "(5) For a voluntary placement under this chapter in a qualified residential treatment program, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 26d, for purposes of engaging in a relative search as provided in section 260C.221, the county agency must consult with the child's parent or legal guardian, the child if the child is 14 years of age or older, and, if applicable, the child's tribe to obtain recommendations regarding which adult relatives should be notified. If the child, child's parents, or legal guardians raise concerns about specific relatives, the county agency should not notify those relatives."	Allows parents/guardians and the child, if age 14 and over, to recommend which relatives should be contacted during a relative search, and if the parent or child raises concerns about a specific relative the county should not contact them. Applies to relative searches for placements in QRTPs under 260D only.

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7.20 – 7.23	Page 34, line 20, delete "or"	These amendments result in the creation of
7.20 – 7.23	Page 34, IIIIe 20, delete <u>01</u>	certification requirements for facilities to provide
8.6 – 8.19	Page 34, line 22, delete the period and insert "; or"	supervised independent living settings (SILS) for
8.0 - 8.19	rage 34, life 22, delete the period and insert <u>, or</u>	youth age 18 or older.
	Page 34, after line 22, insert:	youth age 18 of older.
	1 age 34, arter line 22, insert.	
	"(4) a supervised independent living setting for youth who are 18 years of age or	
	older."	
	Page 35, line 14, delete "and"	
	Page 35, line 16, delete the period and insert "; and"	
	Page 35, after line 16, insert:	
	"(4) supervised independent living settings for youth who are 18 years of age or	
	older."	
	Page 42, after line 17 insert:	
	[language establishing requirements for SILS certification]	
7.24	Page 35, delete lines 4 to 7	Deletes unnecessary language that is does not
_		comply with federal law
7.25 – 7.26	Page 35, line 8, after "(a)" insert "By July 1, 2021,"	Provides clarification of DHS obligations related
		to program certifications
	Page 35, line 9, delete "may issue" and insert "must offer"	
7.31	Page 36, line 17, after "treatment" insert "or service"	Clarifies that a youth might have a treatment or a
		service plan
8.1	Page 38, line 15, delete "or available"	Corrects language to ensure federal compliance
8.2	Page 38, line 16, delete "accessible" and insert "available"	Corrects language to ensure federal compliance
8.3	Page 41, line 1, after the semicolon, insert "and"	Technical correction
8.4	Page 41, line 4, delete "youth's" and insert "child's"	Technical correction
8.5	Page 41, line 23, delete "youth's" and insert "child's"	Technical correction

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8.20 – 8.22	Page 42, line 18, delete "7" and insert "8"	Renumbering
	Page 43, line 17, delete " <u>8</u> " and insert " <u>9</u> "	
	Page 44, line 1, delete " <u>9</u> " and insert " <u>10</u> "	
8.23 – 9.7	Page 44, after line 5, insert:	DHS instructed to consult with stakeholders and develop aftercare policies.
	"Sec DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER; QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT TRANSITION SUPPORTS. The commissioner of human services shall consult with stakeholders to develop policies regarding aftercare supports for the transition of a child from a qualified residential treatment program, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 260C.007, subdivision 26d, to reunification with the child's parent or legal guardian, including potential placement in a less restrictive setting prior to reunification that aligns with the child's permanency plan and person-centered support plan, when applicable. The policies must be consistent with Minnesota Rules, part 2960.0190, and Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.25, subdivision 4,	
	paragraph (i), and address the coordination of the qualified residential treatment program, discharge planning and aftercare supports where needed, the county social services case plan, and services from community-based providers, to maintain the child's progress with behavioral health goals as defined in the child's treatment plan. The commissioner must complete development of the policy guidance by December 31, 2022."	