

Subject Delinquency and out-of-home placement cost of care

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Overview

Under current law, when legal custody of a child is transferred to a local social services agency or to a person under the agency's supervision, courts and local social services agencies must require parents to use income and resources attributable to the child and, in some circumstances, the parents to reimburse the county for the cost of care, examination, or treatment for the child. Income attributable to the child includes Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), child support, veterans benefits, and railroad retirement benefits.

This bill removes these requirements for children in out-of-home placement or found to be delinquent, and makes conforming statutory changes.

Summary

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| 1 | Dispositions.
Amends § 242.19, subd. 2. Removes requirement for the juvenile court to order the parents of a child on probation or parole to pay the costs for foster care. |
| 2 | Child income or income attributable to the child.
Amends § 256N.26, subd. 11. In Northstar kinship and adoption assistance, removes references to sections requiring income and resources attributable to the child to be used to reimburse the county for the cost of care, examination, or treatment. |
| 3 | Treatment of child support and Minnesota family investment program.
Amends § 256N.26, subd. 14. Specifies that, for a child who receives federal Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments and child support, child support payments may be redirected to the financially responsible agency for the duration of a child's out-of-home placement. |

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4	<p>Care, examination, or treatment.</p> <p>Amends § 260B.311, subd. 1. For delinquency cases, removes language requiring courts and local social services agencies to require parents or custodians to use income and resources attributable to the child or parents to reimburse the county for or contribute to the cost of care, examination, or treatment.</p>
5	<p>Care, examination, or treatment.</p> <p>Amends § 260C.311, subd. 1. For out-of-home placement cases, removes language requiring courts and responsible social services agencies to require parents or custodians to use income and resources attributable to the child or parents to reimburse the county for or contribute to the cost of care, examination, or treatment.</p>



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