

Subject MFIP Supplemental Payment

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for a onetime Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) supplemental payment of up to \$500 per household.

MFIP is a jointly funded, federal-state program that provides income assistance to eligible low-income families. MFIP is the state's response to the 1996 federal welfare reform law, which replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), a block grant program to states.

Summary

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| 1 | Appropriation; MFIP supplemental payment. |
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Paragraph (a) appropriates \$15.7 million in fiscal year 2021 from the TANF fund to the commissioner of human services to provide a onetime cash benefit of up to \$500 for each household active in MFIP or DWP at the time the cash benefit is distributed. Requires the commissioner to distribute these funds through existing systems and in a manner that minimizes the burden to families. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.

Paragraph (b) appropriates \$31,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for information technology necessary to administer the cash benefit in paragraph (a). Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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