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Overview

H.F. 2436, the first engrossment, is the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee's budget bill for the 2025 session.

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Article 1: Economic Assistance

This article exempts the commissioner of DCYF from contract term limitations for the issuance of public benefits through an EBT system and related services.

Section Description - Article 1: Economic Assistance

1 Electronic benefits transfer (EBT); contracting and procurement.

Amends § 142A.03, by adding subd. 35. Exempts the commissioner from the contract term limits for the issuance of public benefits through an EBT system and related services. Allows these contracts to have up to an initial five-year term, with extensions not to exceed a ten-year total contract duration. Generally, under current law, contracts and amendments must not exceed five years without specific, written approval by the commissioner of administration.

Article 2: Child Protection and Welfare Policy

This article makes changes related to relative foster care, modifies mandated reporter training content requirements, and modifies the definition of neglect for purposes of child maltreatment reporting, to address continued hospital stays for children with mental, physical, or emotional conditions who cannot return home but for whom necessary services are not available. The article also contains provisions from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families policy bill related to inquiries into a child's heritage, extended foster care, case plan documentation, reestablishment of parental rights, noncaregiver human trafficking response, and reporting requirements for school attendance concerns.

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1 Individual who is related.

Amends § 142B.01, subd. 15. Specifies that for purposes of family child foster care, "individual who is related" includes an important friend of the child or of the child's parent or custodian.

2 Foster care by an individual who is related to a child; license required.

Amends § 142B.05, subd. 3. Adds paragraph (b), specifying that a relative may seek foster care licensure through the county agency or a private agency, requiring the county agency to provide information to all potential relative foster care providers about the choice, and specifying that counties are not obligated to pay private agency services costs.

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- Adds paragraph (c), specifying that only the individual related to the child must be licensed, if the individual has a domestic partner but is not married. Specifies that background studies on household members are required.
- 3 **Training on risk of sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma for child foster care providers.**
Amends § 142B.47. Exempts individuals related to a child from completing training under this section before caring for the child; requires training to be completed within 30 days of foster care licensure.
- 4 **Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.**
Amends § 142B.51, subd. 2. Adds paragraph (f), requiring a relative foster caregiver to complete training under this section within 30 days of foster care licensure, rather than before caring for the child.
- 5 **Child foster care training requirement; mental health training; fetal alcohol spectrum disorders training.**
Amends § 142B.80. Exempts relative foster care license holders who only serve a child who does not have a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) from annual FASD training requirement.
- 6 **Child foster care training; relative caregivers.**
Proposes coding for § 142B.81. Exempts relative child foster care license holders who only care for relative children from training requirements in rules, and instead requires them to complete at least six hours of in-service training annually, in specified subjects. Requires license holders to consult with the licensing agency regarding which training subjects to complete.
- 7 **Relative.**
Amends § 245C.02 by adding subd. 16b. Defines “relative” for purposes of human services background studies under chapter 245C.
- 8 **Noncustodial parents; relative placement.**
Amends § 260.65. Makes technical clarifying changes.
- 9 **Emergency removal or placement permitted.**
Amends § 260.66, subd. 1. Makes technical correction.
- 10 **Establishment and duties.**
Amends § 260.691. Adds language to the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act to establish the African American Child and Family Well-Being Advisory Council for the Department of

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- Children, Youth, and Families. The African American Child Well-Being Advisory Council was given duties in the Act in 2024. Removes duty to assist the Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council.
- 11 **African American Child and Family Well-Being Unit.**
Amends § 260.692. Updates terminology to include “family.”
- 12 **Juvenile protection proceedings.**
Amends § 260C.001, subd. 2. Adds inquiring about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity to activities listed for ensuring appropriate permanency planning for children in foster care.
- 13 **Habitual truant.**
Amends § 260C.007, subd. 19. Modifies the definition of “habitual truant” to limit it to children between the ages of 12 and 18 rather than any child under age 17. Removes elementary school language. Adds language to align habitual truant definition with legal presumption in another section of chapter 260C.
- 14 **Who may file; required form.**
Amends § 260C.141, subd. 1. For a CHIPS petition, adds requirement to include a statement of whether the petitioner has inquired about the child’s heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity.
- 15 **Identifying parents of child; diligent efforts; data.**
Amends § 260C.150, subd. 3. Adds requirement for the responsible social services agency to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity.
- 16 **Hearing and release requirements.**
Amends § 260C.178, subd. 1. Requires the court, if ordering a child into foster care, to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity, and the responsible social services agency’s initial relative search efforts.
- 17 **Case plan.**
Amends § 260C.178, subd. 7. Extends timeline for out-of-home placement plan from 30 to 60 days after placement; specifies that the out-of-home placement plan summary is required within 30 days of removal.

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- 18 **Dispositions.**
Amends § 260C.201, subd. 1. Requires the court to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity when making a foster care placement of a child whose legal custody has been transferred to a responsible social services agency or a child-placing agency.
- 19 **Written findings.**
Amends § 260C.201, subd. 2. Requires the court's findings to include a description of the responsible social services agency's efforts to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity.
- 20 **Court review for a child placed in foster care.**
Amends § 260C.202, subd. 2. Removes annual review for a child in extended foster care; moves language to new subdivision.
- 21 **Court review prior to the 18th birthday of a child in foster care.**
Amends § 260C.202 by adding subd. 3. Requires the court to conduct a review during the 90-day period prior to the 18th birthday of a child in foster care. Requires the responsible social services agency to file a written report with the court as part of the review; specifies what the report must include. Requires the agency to inform the child and other parties of these requirements and their right to request a hearing.

Requires the court to hold a hearing when requested, upon receiving the written agency report. Requires the court to issue an order, with or without a hearing, with findings regarding extended foster care, transition to adulthood, and reentry into extended foster care up to age 21.
- 22 **Court reviews for a child over age 18 in foster care.**
Amends § 260C.202 by adding subd. 4. Moves extended foster care annual review language to new subdivision.
- 23 **Permanency progress review for children in foster care for six months.**
Amends § 260C.204. Before defining a foster family as a child's permanent home, requires the responsible social services agency to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity and requires the court to determine that reasonable or active efforts toward completing relative search requirements have been made.
- 24 **Out-of-home placement; plan.**
Amends § 260C.212, subd. 1. Removes requirement for an out-of-home placement plan to be prepared within 30 days after placement in foster care. Adds requirement to use a form developed by the commissioner. Adds paragraph (b) replacing

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- paragraph (e) to require a one- to two-page out-of-home placement plan summary. Adds paragraph (c) to require the summary to be prepared within 30 days after placement in foster care and to require the full plan to be prepared within 60 days after placement. Makes additional clarifying changes.
- 25 **Out-of-home placement plan update.**
Amends § 260C.212, subd. 1a. Makes conforming changes related to out-of-home placement summary and plan timeline changes.
- 26 **Relative notice requirements.**
Amends § 260C.221, subd. 2. Adds supportive services and foster care licensing and adoption home study requirements to subjects about which the responsible social services agency must notify relatives of children in need of protection or services.
- 27 **Program; goals.**
Amends § 260C.223, subd. 1. Modifies goals of concurrent permanency planning program to include establishing a foster parent for the child, rather than developing a group of families to work towards reunification and serve as a permanent family for children.
- 28 **Development of guidelines and protocols.**
Amends § 260C.223, subd. 2. Before making a foster family a permanent home for a child, requires the responsible social services agency to inquire about a child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity and requires the court to determine that reasonable or active efforts toward completing relative search requirements have been made.
- 29 **Petition.**
Amends § 260C.329, subd. 3. Expands individuals who may file a petition for the reestablishment of the legal parent and child relationship to include a parent whose voluntary consent to adoption was accepted by the court, under specified circumstances. Also modifies language to allow for a petition when a child is not currently adopted, rather than “has not been adopted.”
- 30 **Hearing.**
Amends § 260C.329, subd. 8. Makes conforming change related to adoption language change in previous section.

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31 Administrative or court review of placements.

Amends § 260C.451, subd. 9. For permanency planning for foster care past age 18, adds requirement for the responsible social services agency to file a written report that contains:

- the child’s name, date of birth, race, gender, and address;
- a written summary describing planning with the child;
- the child’s most recent out-of-home placement plan and independent living plan;
- a copy of the child’s 180-day transition plan; and
- if the agency plans to transition the child to adult services, a summary of the required transition plan.

32 Administrative or court review of placements.

Amends § 260C.452, subd. 4. Replaces “green card” with “permanent resident card.”

33 Neglect.

Amends § 260E.03, subd. 15. Adds a paragraph to the definition of neglect, to specify that a child who has a mental, physical, or emotional condition must not be considered neglected under chapter 260E, solely because the child stays in an emergency department or hospital because services deemed necessary by the child's medical or mental health care professional or county case manager are not available to the child's caregiver, and the child cannot be safely discharged to the child's family.

34 Training for reporters.

Amends § 260E.065. Adds subdivisions to specify that for mandated reporter trainings offered by local welfare agencies, at least half of the training time must be spent on how to identify signs of child maltreatment or abuse, including the definition of each type of maltreatment under chapter 260E. Also requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to create trainings with input from professionals who have specialized knowledge related to child maltreatment.

35 Reporting requirements.

Amends § 260E.09. Requires the responsible agency to ask a maltreatment reporter if the reporter is aware of the child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity.

36 General duties.

Amends § 260E.20, subd. 1. Adds noncaregiver human trafficking assessment to local welfare agency maltreatment response paths. For any assessment or investigation, requires the agency to ask the child, if age appropriate; family; or reporter about the

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- child's heritage, including the child's Tribal lineage, and their race, culture, and ethnicity.
- 37 **Collection of information.**
Amends § 260E.20, subd. 3. Adds noncaregiver human trafficking assessment to local welfare agency maltreatment response paths.
- 38 **Reporting of school attendance concerns.**
Proposes coding for § 260E.215. Establishes reporting requirements for school attendance concerns.
- Subd. 1. Reports required.** Requires a person mandated to report child maltreatment to immediately report if the person knows or has reason to believe that a child required to be enrolled in school has at least seven unexcused absences in the current school year and is at risk of educational neglect or truancy. Allows for voluntary reporting. Specifies that an oral report must be made immediately, followed by a written report within 72 hours. Specifies contents of report.
- Subd. 2. Local welfare agency.** Requires the local welfare agency or agency partner to provide a child welfare response for a report that alleges a child enrolled in school has seven or more unexcused absences. Specifies that the response must offer culturally and linguistically appropriate services to address the school attendance concerns. Requires a report of educational neglect to be made if the family does not engage with services after multiple attempts and the school absences continue.
- 39 **Timing.**
Amends § 260E.24, subd. 1. Adds noncaregiver human trafficking assessment to local welfare agency maltreatment response paths.
- 40 **Determination after family assessment or a noncaregiver human trafficking assessment.**
Amends § 260E.24, subd. 2. Adds noncaregiver human trafficking assessment to local welfare agency maltreatment response paths.
- 41 **Revisor instruction.**
Requires the revisor to make technical changes in sections 260C.203 and 260C.204.

Article 3: Child Protection and Welfare Finance

This article allows the commissioner of children, youth, and families to contract with specified entities to provide permanency services for children in out-of-home care, modifies Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) grant payment timelines and reporting requirements, and removes an annual cap on special focus grant awards under MIFPA. The article also removes the automatic biennial cost-of-living adjustment for child support and maintenance orders, allows for modification of child support redirection when in the best interest of the child, and outlines requirements for modernizing the social services information system.

Section Description - Article 3: Child Protection and Welfare Finance

- 1 Duties of the commissioner.**
Amends § 142A.03, subd. 2. Allows the commissioner to contract with a licensed child-placing agency or a Minnesota Tribal social services agency to provide permanency services for children in out-of-home care whose interests would be best served by transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative.
- 2 Payments.**
Amends § 260.810, subd. 1. Modifies grant payment timelines under MIFPA to be quarterly, rather than requiring a quarterly report to receive payments.
- 3 Reporting.**
Amends § 260.810, subd. 2. Modifies MIFPA grant reporting requirements, replacing required quarterly reports with a requirement for the commissioner to work with Tribes and urban Indian organizations to establish report requirements and timelines.
- 4 Special focus grants.**
Amends § 260.821, subd. 2. Removes maximum of \$100,000 grant award for MIFPA special focus grants.
- 5 Contents.**
Amends § 518.68, subd. 2. Modifies contents of required notices related to child support and maintenance by specifying that prior to January 1, 2027, cost-of-living adjustments for basic support or maintenance may occur every two years, and in the notice effective January 1, 2027, removing the notice regarding the cost-of-living adjustment.
- 6 Computation of child support obligations.**
Amends § 518A.34. Removes reference to statutory cost-of-living adjustment and replaces with reference to future modification.

Makes this section effective January 1, 2027.

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- 7 **Administrative redirection of support.**
Allows the agency to stop directing child support from the obligor to a public authority who is providing services to the child and send that support to the person who has custody of the child even when the child is out of the home when it is in the best interest of the child to do so.
- 8 **Requirement.**
Amends § 518A.75, subd. 1. Specifies that the biennial cost-of-living adjustment required under the section must not be made after January 1, 2027, for any maintenance or child support order established before, on, or after January 1, 2027.
- 9 **Social services information system modernization.**
Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to improve and modernize the child welfare social services information system. Lists elements the system modernization must include. Requires a plan and estimated timeline by March 15, 2026, and progress reports to the legislature at specified intervals until the project is substantially completed.

Article 4: Early Care and Learning Policy

This article changes the diaper distribution grant program from a competitive grant program to a sole-source grant and modifies aspects of the great start compensation support program for child care programs.

Section Description - Article 4: Early Care and Learning Policy

- 1 **Diaper distribution program.**
Amends § 142A.42. Modifies the diaper distribution grant program to make it a sole-source grant to the Diaper Bank of Minnesota rather than a competitive grant program.
- 2 **Payments. [Great start compensation support payments]**
Amends § 142D.21, subd. 6. Prohibits great start compensation payments from being increased by ten percent for child care programs that receive child care assistance, early learning scholarships, or are located in a child care access equity area.
- 3 **Data. [Great start compensation support payments]**
Adds a subdivision to §142D.21. Provides that data on great start compensation payments made to child care programs are public, except that: (1) any data that may identify a specific family or child are private; (2) data about operating expenses and

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personnel expenses are private or nonpublic; and (3) data about legal nonlicensed child care providers are private or nonpublic.

Article 5: Early Care and Learning Finance

This article makes substantive changes to child care licensing requirements, the child care assistance program (CCAP), and other early care and learning programs. The article includes increased fines for license holders that do not comply with background study requirements, requirements around the use of video security cameras in child care settings, and changes to CCAP for the purposes of federal compliance.

Section Description - Article 5: Early Care and Learning Finance

1 License suspension, revocation, or fine.

Amends § 142B.18, subd. 4. Increases the fine imposed on a license holder of a DCYF program for failure to comply with background study requirements from \$200 for each occurrence to \$500.

2 Video security cameras in child care centers.

Establishes § 142B.68. Provides that a licensed child care center that is required to post a maltreatment investigation memorandum in its facility must have video security cameras in its facility and comply with the requirements in this section regarding retention, disposal, and dissemination of the camera recordings, access to the recordings, and notifying parents and legal guardians about the use of cameras in the facility.

3 Account; carryforward authority. [Great start compensation support payments]

Amends § 142D.21, subdivision 10. Establishes an account in the special revenue fund for the great start compensation support payments program.

4 Eligible uses of money.

Amends § 142D.23, subd. 3. Modifies the eligible uses of child care technology grants to provide that the grants may be awarded for up to \$4,000 to a child care center to be used to cover the costs of video security cameras and related training.

5 Program components. [TEACH program]

Amends § 142D.31, subd. 2. Paragraph (a) changes the maximum amount for a TEACH scholarship to an amount consistent with national TEACH program requirements. Paragraph (b) allows individuals who are employed by a certified child care program or a Head Start program to be eligible for TEACH scholarships and

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- modifies the contribution and matching requirements for TEACH scholarship recipients who work in family child care settings.
- 6 **Redeterminations.**
Amends § 142E.03, subd. 3. Provides that, starting May 25, 2026, when a new child is added to a family that receives CCAP, the date for CCAP redetermination of eligibility must be extended 12 months from the new child’s arrival date.
- 7 **General authorization requirements.**
Amends § 142E.11, subd. 1. Provides that, beginning March 2, 2026, county agencies are prohibited from requiring certain families to report information related to CCAP eligibility more frequently than every 12 months (i.e., eliminates the “scheduled reporter” designation).
- 8 **Maintain steady child care authorizations.**
Amends § 142E.11, subd. 2. Makes conforming changes related to elimination of the scheduled reporter designation under CCAP.

Makes the section effective May 26, 2026.
- 9 **Extended eligibility and redetermination.**
Amends § 142E.13, subd. 2. Makes conforming changes, effective March 2, 2026, related to the elimination of the scheduled reporter designation under CCAP.
- 10 **Fee schedule.**
Amends § 142E.15, subd. 1. Modifies CCAP copayment requirements for families, with the highest copayment set at 6.9 percent of a family’s adjusted gross income rather than 14 percent under current law.

Makes the section effective October 13, 2025.
- 11 **Training required.**
Amends § 142E.16, subd. 3. Provides that a legal, nonlicensed family child care provider who cares for an unrelated child who is eligible for CCAP must complete two hours of training in caring for children every 12 months.

Makes the section effective October 1, 2025.
- 12 **Record-keeping requirement.**
Amends § 142E.16, subd. 7. Requires child care providers who accept CCAP to submit data on child enrollment and attendance to the commissioner. Makes a technical change to a cross-reference.

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Makes the section effective June 22, 2026.

13 Provider payments.

Amends § 142E.17, subd. 9. Requires that child care providers who bill CCAP sign each bill and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in the bill is accurate.

Makes the section effective August 1, 2025.

14 Establishment. [Quality parenting initiative grant program]

Amends § 245.0962, subd. 1. Clarifies that the quality parenting initiative grant program is administered by DCYF rather than DHS.

15 Eliminating schedule reporter designation.

Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to allocate additional basic sliding fee money for calendar years 2026 and 2027 to counties and Tribes to account for the elimination of the scheduled reporter designation.

16 Children and families information technology systems modernization.

Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families, to the extent funding is available in the department's state systems account, to establish and implement: (1) an application tool that families may use to apply for early care and education programs; and (2) a centralized, integrated payment system for early care and education funding streams. Requires that the commissioner provide quarterly updates to the legislature on the department's progress toward meeting the requirements of this section.

17 Revisor instruction. [Quality parenting initiative grant program]

Directs the revisor to recodify the quality parenting initiative grant program in a DCYF section of statute.

18 Revisor instruction. [Early childhood literacy programs]

Directs the revisor to recodify an early childhood literacy program for children participating in Head Start in an MDE section of statute.

Article 6: Department of Children, Youth, and Families Licensing and Certification Policy

This articles makes substantive and policy changes to programs currently licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services (DHS) that will transfer to the Department of Children,

Youth, and Families (DCYF) in June 2025, including child care centers, family child care providers, certified license-exempt child care centers, and child foster care.

Section Description - Article 6: Department of Children, Youth, and Families Licensing and Certification Policy

1 Grant of license; license extension.

Amends § 142B.10, subd. 14. Requires a license holder to pay applicable fees for a license to be reissued after the license expires, and removes the requirement that the license holder apply for a new license. Requires that child foster care license holders apply for a new license after the license expires. Provides that licenses may be issued each calendar year once the provider licensing and reporting hub is operational.

2 Variances.

Amends § 142B.10, subd. 16. Directs the commissioner to grant a variance for a child care program's licensed capacity if: (1) the program's indoor space is within 100 square feet of what would be required for maximum enrollment in the program based on the program's number and qualifications of staff; (2) the fire marshal approves the variance; and (3) the variance request is submitted in accordance with the requirements in statute.

3 Reconsideration of correction orders.

Amends § 142B.16, subd. 2. Gives an applicant or license holder of a child care program the option to ask the department for interpretive guidance on a rule or statute underlying a correction order issued to them prior to requesting a reconsideration of the order. Provides that the commissioner cannot publicly post a correction order issued to a child care program until either: (1) after the 20-day calendar period for requesting reconsideration; or (2) if reconsideration is requested, after the commissioner's disposition of the request for reconsideration is provided to the applicant or license holder.

Makes the changes related to the timing for posting correction orders effective the later of January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval.

4 Requirement to post conditional license.

Amends § 142B.16, subdivision 5. Provides that when an order of conditional license for a licensed child care center or family child care provider is accompanied by a maltreatment investigation memorandum, then the license holder must publicly post the order and the memorandum for ten years.

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5 Documented technical assistance.

Amends § 142B.171, subd. 2. Removes the prohibition on publishing documented technical assistance that a child care program receives under the weighted risk system on the DCYF website.

6 Requirement to post licensing order or fine.

Amends § 142B.18, subdivision 6. Provides that when an order of license suspension, temporary immediate suspension, fine, or revocation for a licensed child care center or family child care provider is accompanied by a maltreatment investigation memorandum, then the license holder must publicly post the order and the memorandum for ten years.

7 Posting licensing actions on department website.

Establishes § 142B.181. Paragraph (a) directs the commissioner to post on the department's licensing look-up website a summary of any licensing action issued to a child care program rather than communication from the commissioner to the program about the action.

Paragraph (b) directs the commissioner to remove summary documents from the department's licensing look-up website within ten days of the length of time the document is required to be posted under federal regulations.

Makes the section effective the later of January 1, 2026, or federal approval.

8 Delegation of authority to agencies.

Amends § 142B.30, subd. 1. Specifies that a child foster care license issued by a county or private agency may be issued for up to two years, until such time when the provider licensing and reporting hub is implemented, when licenses may be issued each calendar year.

9 Staff distribution.

Adds a subdivision to § 142B.71. Adds to statute and makes permanent a temporary change that was enacted by the 2023 Legislature that allows an aide in a licensed child care center who meets specified criteria to substitute for a teacher during a center's morning arrival and departure times, provided those times do not exceed 25 percent of the center's daily hours of operations.

10 Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.

Amends § 142B.51, subd. 2. Provides that specified licensed programs that serve children under nine years of age, rather than eight years of age, must comply with

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training requirements for the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor vehicles.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026.

11 Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.

Amends § 142B.65, subd. 8. Provides that specified licensed programs that serve children under nine years of age, rather than eight years of age, must comply with training requirements for the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor vehicles.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026.

12 In-service training.

Amends § 142B.65, subd. 9. Modifies training requirements for substitutes and unsupervised volunteers in child care centers to provide that they must complete at least two hours of training each year.

13 Emergency preparedness.

Amends § 142B.66, subd. 3. Makes technical changes to requirements regarding when a licensed child care center must review and update the center's emergency plan.

14 Child passenger restraint systems; training requirement.

Amends § 142B.70, subd. 7. Provides that specified licensed programs that serve children under nine years of age, rather than eight years of age, must comply with training requirements for the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor vehicles.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026.

15 Training requirements for family and group family child care.

Amends § 142B.70, subd. 8. Provides that substitutes and adult caregivers who provide care for 500 or fewer hours per year in a family or group family child care setting must complete at least one hour of training each calendar year and specifies requirements for the training.

16 Requirement to post conditional certification.

Adds a subdivision to § 142C.06. Requires that a certified, license-exempt child care center publicly post an order of conditional certification issued by the commissioner and any maltreatment investigation memoranda that accompany the order.

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- 17 **Required policies.**
Amends § 142C.11, subd. 8. Adds that a certified, license-exempt child care center must have written policies for behavior guidance and supervision.
- 18 **First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.**
Amends § 142C.12, subd. 1. Specifies requirements for first aid and CPR training required for individuals who have direct contact with a child in a certified, license-exempt child care center.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026.
- 19 **In-service training.**
Amends § 142C.12, subd. 6. Provides that substitutes in certified, license-exempt child care centers must complete at least two hours of training each year.
- 20 **Seat belt and child passenger restraint system use.**
Amends § 245A.18, subd. 1. Provides that specified licensed programs that transport children under nine years of age, rather than eight years of age, must comply with training requirements for the proper use and installation of child restraint systems in motor vehicles.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026.
- 21 **Direction to commissioner of children, youth, and families; amending the definition of education.**
Directs the commissioner to amend Minnesota Rules to modify the definition of “education” for purposes of determining an individual’s qualifications to work in a licensed child care center. Provides that “education” includes any accredited coursework from an accredited postsecondary institution that can be reasonably shown to be relevant for caring for and educating children.

Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.
- 22 **Direction to the commissioner of children, youth, and families; standardized licensing visit timeline and requirements.**
Directs the commissioner, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized timeline and standards for the conduct of licensors when conducting inspections of licensed child care centers. Provides that the timeline and standards must be implemented by January 1, 2026.

Makes the section effective the day following final enactment.

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23 Direction to commissioner of children, youth, and families; standardized county-delegated licensing.

Directs the commissioner to establish time frames for county licensors to respond to urgent requests, implement a system to track the requests, and require county licensors to use the electronic licensing inspection tool during inspection of family child care providers.

24 Direction to commissioner of children, youth, and families; amending capacity limits.

Paragraph (a) directs the commissioner to amend the rules governing licensed family child care providers to allow one of a caregiver's children to be excluded when determining the provider's licensed capacity, provided the child is at least eight years old and the caregiver has never been determined to have maltreated a child or vulnerable adult.

Paragraph (b) allows the commissioner to use an abbreviated rulemaking process when amending the rules under paragraph (a).

Article 7: Department of Children, Youth, and Families Appropriations

Appropriates funding for DCYF for the activities described. For details, see the [House Fiscal tracking sheet](#).

Article 8: Other Agency Appropriations

Appropriates funding for the ombudsperson for families, the ombudsperson for American Indian families, the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson, and the Department of Education. For details, see the [House Fiscal tracking sheet](#).



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