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Overview

This act allows families who will be receiving services under the MR/RC waiver to receive a one-time family support grant payment to reduce or eliminate debt related to environmental or vehicle modifications.

Section

- 1 **Support grants.** Amends § 252.32, subd. 1a. Allows families receiving family support grants, who will be receiving services under the home and community-based waiver for persons with mental retardation or related conditions (MR/RC waiver) within the grant year and who have ongoing payments for environmental or vehicle modifications that have been approved as a grant expense, to receive a one-time grant payment to reduce or eliminate this debt. The payment cannot exceed the maximum amount allowable for the remaining years of eligibility for a grant. Authorizes the commissioner to use up to \$20,000 annually of the grant appropriation for this purpose. Requires the commissioner to allocate any amount unexpended according to the existing county grant allocation formula.
- 2 **Amount of support grant; use.** Amends § 252.32, subd. 3. Strikes language allowing county agencies to set aside up to 5 percent of their allocations for emergency situations. Makes a technical change.
- 3 **Effective date.** States that section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.