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Overview

This act prohibits union dues or fair share fees from being deducted from child care assistance funds. The child care assistance programs receive funding from a variety of sources, including the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds, the state general fund, and county funds. Currently, federal regulations do not allow federal CCDF funds to be used for the administrative or systems costs necessary for the state to collect union dues on behalf of the unions and state law is silent on the subject.

Child care assistance programs subsidize the child care expenses of eligible low-income families. The Minnesota Department of Human Services administers two child care assistance programs: Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) child care assistance and Basic Sliding Fee (BSF) child care assistance. MFIP child care subsidizes the child care costs of families receiving cash assistance through MFIP and provides child care assistance for eligible families for the first 12 months after the family leaves MFIP cash assistance (transition year child care). BSF child care provides a child care subsidy to low-income working families who are not receiving cash assistance from MFIP.

- 1** **Payment of funds.** Amends § 119B.09, subd. 10. Prohibits union dues or fair share fees from being deducted from child care assistance funds.