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Overview

This bill makes various changes to the Human Services Licensing Act, the Community Social Services Act, and the Child Abuse Reporting Act.

Section

- 1 **Results of background checks.** (Amends § 245A.04, subd. 3a) Provides that results of a background check need not be provided to the individual who is the subject of the check, if the check does not result in a disqualification and if the check relates to a license for:
 - family day care or group family day care;
 - foster care for children in the provider's own home; or
 - foster care or day care services for adults in the provider's own home.
- 2 **Notice of commissioner's final order.** (Amends § 245A.08, subd. 5) Prohibits applicants who are denied licenses from being granted a license for two years, unless a subsequent application contains new information that constitutes a substantial change in the conditions that caused the previous denial.
- 3 **Exemption from liability.** (Adds subd. 4a to § 256E.08) Under the Community Social Services Act, provides that the state and county boards or their agents under the act are not liable for damages, injuries, or liabilities sustained through the purchase of services by the individual, the individual's family, or the authorized representative with funds received through the community social services plan. States that liabilities include, but are not limited to, workers' compensation, federal insurance contributions, or federal unemployment tax.
- 4 **Administrative reconsideration of final determination of maltreatment.** (Amends § 626.556, subd. 10i) Under the Child Abuse Reporting Act, if an individual or facility appeals a final determination of maltreatment, requires that a hearing be scheduled within six weeks, and a decision issued within six weeks of that hearing.

- 5 **Child Abuse Reporting Act records.** (Amends § 626.556, subd. 11c) Changes the period that records must be kept from four to five years, in cases where the county did not determine that maltreatment occurred, or that child protective services were needed.