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Overview

This bill removes the income cap for participation in the consumer support grant program. The bill also requires the commissioner of human services to seek a federal waiver and take other steps to maximize federal funding for the program.

- 1 Eligibility to apply for grants.** Amends § 256.476, subd. 3. Strikes language that makes ineligible for the consumer support grant program persons with incomes equal to or exceeding the level at which they would be required to pay a parental fee for medical assistance services and county social services provided to a disabled child. This income level is the lesser of 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or \$30,000 a year.
- 2 Federal funds.** Amends § 256.476, subd. 7. Requires the commissioner and counties to maximize the use of federal funds (strikes language referring to making "reasonable efforts" to maximize the use of these funds).
- 3 Commissioner responsibilities.** Amends § 256.476, subd. 8. Requires the commissioner of human services to apply for a federal waiver or take any other action necessary to maximize federal funding for the consumer support grant program.