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Overview

This bill increases the base AFDC standard used to calculate the MA income standard, by the change in the CPI-U between July 1996 and April 1999. (The MA income standard in current law is 133-1/3 percent of the AFDC income standard in effect under the July 16, 1996 AFDC state plan - \$467/month; higher income limits apply to specific groups.)

- 1 Income.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 4. Effective July 1, 1999, requires the base AFDC standard in effect for MA to be increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for July 1996 through April 1999. Strikes language directing the commissioner, for rate years beginning on or after July 1, 1999, to consider increasing the base AFDC standard by the change in the CPI-U.