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Overview

Modifies the formula used to allocate local intervention grants for self-sufficiency (LIGSS) to counties and tribes, and allows the commissioner to use certain LIGSS funds to contract with other public, private, or nonprofit entities to provide services to hard-to-employ MFIP participants and their families.

Section

- 1 **Local intervention grants for self-sufficiency.** Amends § 256J.625. Modifies the formula used to allocate local intervention grants for self-sufficiency.
 - Subd. 1. Establishment; guaranteed minimum allocation.** Changes internal cross-references.
 - Subd. 1a. Local service unit plan required.** Provides that if a county or tribe does not submit a local service unit plan, or if the plan is not approved at the full allocation amount, the remaining funds may be used by the commissioner to contract with other public, private, or nonprofit entities to provide services to hard-to-employ MFIP participants and their families according to subd. 4.
 - Subd. 1b. Guaranteed minimum.** Reduces the county or tribal guaranteed minimum annual allocation from \$25,000 to \$20,000.
 - Subd. 2. Set-aside funds.** Changes a cross-reference. Strikes provisions from current law that require the commissioner to develop and present to the appropriate legislative committees an alternative formula allocation process. Also strikes language that directs how the set-aside funds should be allocated in the event that the commissioner does not develop an alternative allocation formula.
 - Subd. 3. Formula allocation.** Changes the formula for the distribution of the LIGSS funds remaining after the guaranteed minimum and the set-aside funds have been allocated. Requires the remaining funds to be allocated to counties and tribes based on the average proportion of the MFIP caseload that have received MFIP assistance for 24 of the last 36 months, as sampled on

March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of the previous calendar year, less the number of child-only cases and cases where all caregivers are age 60 or over. Specifies that two-parent cases (except those with a caregiver age 60 or over) will be multiplied by a factor of two.

Strikes the formula allocation provisions in current law.

Subd. 4. Use of funds. Adds public, private, or nonprofit entities to the list of entities that may use LIGSS funds allocated under this section to provide services to hard-to-employ MFIP participants and their families.