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Overview

This bill allows fees to be assessed for background studies and licensing inspections of corporate foster care providers. It establishes criteria for individuals to be licensed as adult foster care providers for developmentally disabled relatives, and authorizes reimbursement for this care.

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1   **County fees for background studies and licensing inspections.** Amends § 245.10, subd. 2. Allows the county agency to charge a fee for the cost of background studies to a corporate adult or child foster care provider. Allows the county agency to charge a fee, not to exceed $500 to recover the actual cost of licensing inspections for corporate foster homes. Permits counties to waive or reduce the fees under specified circumstances.

2   **County certification; licensed providers; related individual; developmentally disabled.** Amends § 256.0919, by adding subd. 4. Paragraph (a). Sets out the criteria under which an individual can be licensed as an adult foster home and be reimbursed as a foster care provider when caring for a developmentally disabled relative.

     Paragraph (b). Instructs the county to perform an annual certification to ensure compliance with paragraph (a).

     Paragraph (c). Allows the adult foster care provider under this subdivision to receive group residential housing program reimbursement for room and board costs.

3   **Medicaid reimbursement; licensed provider; related individuals.** Amends § 256B.092,

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by adding subd. 4d. Instructs the commissioner of human services to seek an amendment to the federal home and community-based services waiver to allow Medicaid reimbursement when supported living services are provided to a relative under specified circumstances.