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Overview

This bill makes modifications to the child care assistance programs related to redetermination of eligibility, verification of eligibility factors, and recalculation of income.

Section

- 1** **Factors which must be verified.** Amends § 119B.025, subd. 1. Defers redetermination of eligibility beyond six months, but not to exceed 12 months, for students who are under age 21 and meet certain other criteria.

Adds paragraph (d), which specifies that families have the primary responsibility to verify information. Requires counties to consider the family's circumstances and ability to produce verification when initiating a request for verification. Requires counties to request written consent from the family to obtain verification from other sources if the family is unable to verify an eligibility factor. Prohibits counties from requesting a specific form of verification if another is more readily available. Requires counties to accept a signed statement from the family attesting to the correctness of the information when verification of certain eligibility factors is not available. Requires counties to deny or end assistance to families who refuse or deliberately fail to verify information.

- 2** **Eligibility; annual income; calculation.** Amends § 119B.09, subd. 4. Defers recalculation of income beyond six months, but not to exceed 12 months, for students who are under age 21 and meet certain other criteria.