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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies MFIP family stabilization and work programs.

Section

1 **Asset limitations for individuals and families.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. Modifies the exceptions to the asset limitation requirements for eligibility for MA.

2 **Asset limitations for families and children.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3c. Modifies the exceptions to the asset limitation requirements for eligibility for MA.

3 **Cooperation with services requirements.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 6. Makes a technical change.

4 **Sanctions.** Amends § 256J.575, subd. 7. Requires county agencies and employment services providers to follow program requirements at the time the agency or provider has information that an MFIP recipient may meet the eligibility requirements for family stabilization services. Before imposing a sanction, requires a current assessment by a behavioral health or medical professional confirming that a participant in all ways had the ability to comply with their plan. Requires county agencies or employment services providers to inform the participant that they have the right to bring an advocate to the required face-to-face meeting prior to the imposition of a sanction. Makes technical changes.

5 **Documentation.** Amends § 256L.17, subd. 3. Makes a technical change.