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Overview

This bill allows for data sharing between the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Human Services for purposes of preventing welfare fraud, requires the state court administrator to report certain information to the commissioner of human services, and requires a report to the Legislature.

1 Drug convictions. Amends § 256.01, by adding subd. 18d. Requires the court administrator to report every six months by electronic means to the commissioner of human services certain information regarding persons who have a felony drug conviction. Requires the commissioner of human services to determine whether the individuals who are the subject of the data are receiving general assistance or MFIP benefits. If an individual is receiving public assistance, requires the commissioner to instruct the county to proceed under section 256B.024 or 256J.26. Prohibits the commissioner of human services from retaining any data that does not relate to an individual receiving public assistance benefits. Requires the court administrator to provide a onetime report on individuals with a felony drug conviction dated from July 1, 1997, until the date of the transfer.

2 Data sharing with the Department of Human Services; multiple identification cards. Amends § 256.01, by adding subd. 18e. Requires the commissioner of public safety to periodically provide the commissioner of human services with certain information regarding all applicants and holders whose drivers' licenses or state identification cards have been canceled by the commissioner of public safety. Requires the commissioner of human services to compare the information provided with the commissioner's data regarding recipients of all public assistance programs managed by the Department of Human Services to determine whether any person with multiple identification cards has illegally or improperly enrolled in any DHS public assistance program. Requires the commissioner to provide all due process protections to an individual before terminating the individual from the applicable program according to the applicable statute and notifying the county attorney.

3 Data sharing with the Department of Human Services; legal presence status. Amends § 256.01, by adding subd. 18f. Requires the commissioner of public safety to periodically provide the commissioner of human services with certain information regarding all applicants and holders of drivers' licenses or state identification cards whose temporary legal status has expired and whose driver's license or state identification card has been canceled by the commissioner of public safety. Requires the commissioner of human services to use the information provided to determine whether

the eligibility of any person receiving DHS public assistance has changed as a result of the status change in the Department of Public Safety data. Requires the commissioner to provide all due process protections to an individual before terminating the individual from the applicable program according to the applicable statute and notifying the county attorney.

- **4 Directions to the commissioner.** Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with the commissioner of public safety, to report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services policy and finance regarding the implementation of sections 1 to 3 and the number of persons affected and fiscal impact by program by December 1, 2013.
- **5 Effective date:** Sections 1 to 4 are effective July 1, 2013.