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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies the list of families eligible for MFIP child care assistance.

Child care assistance programs receive federal, state, and county funds to subsidize the child care expenses of eligible families, including families participating in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or the Diversionary Work Program (DWP) with household incomes less than or equal to 67 percent of the state median income, and working families or students who receive no cash assistance and have incomes at or below 47 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, at program entry and up to 67 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, at program exit.

Section

Eligible participants. Amends § 119B.05, subd. 1. Modifies the list of families eligible for MFIP child care assistance to include families in which a caregiver is participating in mental health treatment as part of an MFIP employment plan or is diagnosed with depression or other serious mental illness and is exempt from MFIP work requirements.