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Overview

Provides aid reductions to cities or counties that appropriate money to provide legal services to illegal immigrants for deportation hearings. The amendment also eliminates city LGA payments to any sanctuary city.

Section

- 1 State auditor's duties.** Requires that the uniform financial reports filed by cities and counties with the state auditor include the information necessary to determine aid reductions under section 2.
Effective beginning with aids payable in calendar year 2019.
- 2 Aid reductions for spending on illegal immigrant defense.** Reduces a city's LGA payment or a county's CPA payment dollar for dollar for any amount the city or county appropriated in the previous calendar year to fund legal services to help illegal immigrants fight deportation. Provides an exception for county intervention in deportation proceeding of a witness, defendant, or victim in a county criminal investigation.
Effective beginning with aids payable in 2019.
- 3 Aid reductions for sanctuary cities.** Provides that any city certified as a sanctuary city in any six month period may not receive its LGA payment for that period.
 - Subd. 1. Definition of a sanctuary city.** Defines various ordinances or policies that a city might adopt that would cause them to be a sanctuary city. Also includes any city deemed a sanctuary city by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

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Subd. 2. Penalty for being a sanctuary city. Requires the state auditor to furnish the commissioner of revenue with a list of sanctuary cities by June 1, and December 1 of each year. Any city on the June 1 list shall not receive its July LGA payment for that year and any on the December list shall not receive its December LGA payment that year.

Subd. 3. Certification; state auditor's list. Requires each mayor to certify the sanctuary status of their city by November 15, 2018, and with their annual financial reports beginning in 2019. The city must file an amended status with the state auditor if the city's status changes.

Subd. 4. Court challenge to status as sanctuary city. Allows a taxpayer to challenge a city's status in court. If the court change's a city's status it may order the city to file an amended certification and notify the state auditor of the changed status.

Effective the day after final enactment and applies beginning with the December 2018 LGA payments.