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Overview

This bill requires counties to conduct an assessment on Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) applicants to determine the need for parenting skills training classes, requires the commissioner of human services to provide counties with certain information, and requires each caregiver to attend appropriate parenting skills training, as determined by an assessment of need.

MFIP is a jointly funded, federal-state program that provides income assistance to eligible low-income families. MFIP is the state's response to the 1996 federal welfare reform law, which replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), a block grant program to states.

Section

- 1 **Interview to determine referrals and services.** Amends § 256J.09, subd. 3b. Requires counties to conduct an assessment on MFIP applicants to determine the need for parenting skills training classes.
- 2 **Parenting skills training.** Amends § 256J.15, by adding subd. 3. Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to provide counties with: (1) guidance on assessing the need for parenting skills training classes; and (2) a listing of parenting skills training providers updated at least annually.

Paragraph (b) requires each caregiver to attend appropriate parenting skills training classes, as determined by an assessment of need.