

Subject Child Care Assistance Programs

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Overview

This bill makes various changes to the child care assistance programs, including providing assistance to homeless families, related to federal compliance with the 2014 Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Homeless.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.011, by adding subd. 13b. Defines “homeless” under the child care assistance program statutes. Provides an August 12, 2020, effective date.</p>
2	<p>Transition year families.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.011, subd. 20. Modifies the definition of “transition year families” by modifying the eligibility of families for transition year child care. Under current law, families must have been receiving MFIP or Diversionary Work Program (DWP) assistance for at least three of the last six months. The change proposed in this bill changes the requirement for receipt of MFIP or DWP assistance to at least one of the last six months.</p> <p>Provides an October 8, 2019, effective date.</p>
3	<p>Applications.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.025, subd. 1. Specifies the process counties must follow when handling applications of families who meet the definition of homeless. Provides an August 12, 2020, effective date.</p>
4	<p>Portability pool.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.03, subd. 9. Modifies the portability pool by requiring families who are receiving basic sliding fee child care assistance and move from one county to another to notify the family’s previous county of residence of the move (under current law, families must notify the new county of residence within 60 days of moving and submit information to the new county of residence to verify eligibility for the basic sliding fee program). Removes the six-month time limit on receipt of portability pool assistance.</p>

Section	Description
	Provides an October 8, 2019, effective date.
5	<p>Assistance for persons who are homeless.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.095, by adding subd. 3. Makes homeless applicants for child care assistance eligible for 60 hours of child care assistance per service period for three months from the date the county receives the application. Allows additional hours to be authorized as needed based on the applicant's participation in employment, education, or MFIP or DWP employment plan. Requires the parent to verify that the parent meets eligibility and activity requirements for child care assistance to continue receiving assistance after the initial three months.</p>



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