

Subject MFIP and GA Drug Testing Provisions

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Overview

This bill modifies drug testing provisions for the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and General Assistance (GA) Program.

MFIP is a jointly funded, federal-state program designed to provide income assistance for eligible low-income families.

GA is a state program that provides cash assistance to needy persons who fall into specified statutory categories and who meet the GA eligibility requirements, including income and asset requirements.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Person convicted of drug offenses.</p> <p>Amends § 256D.024, subd. 1. Modifies the drug testing requirement for GA recipients who have been convicted of a drug offense. Removes language requiring loss of eligibility for five years following any positive test result for an illegal controlled substance or discharge of sentence after conviction for another drug felony. Requires the county or tribe to provide resources and referrals to drug treatment programs for a person who tests positive for an illegal controlled substance.</p>
2	<p>Person convicted of drug offenses.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.26, subd. 1. Modifies the drug testing requirement for MFIP and food support recipients who have been convicted of a drug offense. Requires the county or tribe to provide resources and referrals to drug treatment programs following any positive test for an illegal controlled substance. Removes language requiring sanctions and disqualification following any positive test for an illegal controlled substance.</p>

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3	Benefit eligibility. Amends § 609B.425, subd. 2. Removes language requiring loss of eligibility for the GA program for five years following any positive test result for an illegal controlled substance or discharge of sentence after conviction for another drug felony. Requires the county or tribe to provide resources and referrals to drug treatment programs for a person who tests positive for an illegal controlled substance.
4	Drug offenders; random testing; sanctions. Amends § 609B.435, subd. 2. Requires the county or tribe to provide resources and referrals to drug treatment programs following any positive test for an illegal controlled substance. Removes language requiring sanctions and disqualification from the MFIP program following any positive test for an illegal controlled substance.



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