

Subject County child protection grant allocation

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Overview

This bill modifies the child protection grant allocation formula under section 256M.41, which the state uses to provide funding to counties for child protection services. Currently, 20 percent of the allocated funds are withheld, to be distributed after the commissioner determines the county's compliance with performance standards. This bill eliminates the 20 percent withhold, so the counties receive 100 percent of the allocation when funds are distributed.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Payments.</p> <p>Amends § 256M.41, subd. 3.</p> <p>Modifies provision that distributes payments based on county performance by eliminating the 20 percent withhold, so the counties receive 100 percent of the funds on or before July 10 of each year.</p>
2	<p>County performance on child protection matters.</p> <p>Amends § 256M.41 by adding subd. 4.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner to set child protection measures and standards, and requires an underperforming county to demonstrate that the county has designated sufficient funds and implemented a reasonable strategy to improve child protection performance. Allows the commissioner to redirect up to 20 percent of a county's funds to the performance improvement plan, and specifies that sanctions for noncompliance with federal performance standards still apply.</p>