

Subject Foster and adoptive family recruitment

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Overview

This bill modifies the duties of child-placing agencies and the Department of Human Services foster and adoptive family recruitment specialist, adding identification, engagement, and support strategies for recruiting relative and kin caregivers and additional efforts to increase the number of available foster and adoptive families that reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of children in need of placement. The bill also appropriates money for new foster and adoptive family recruitment and support grants.

Summary

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| 1 | Recruitment specialist.
Amends § 260C.215, subd. 3. Specifies that the DHS foster and adoptive family recruitment specialist may arrange for the provision of services, rather than directly providing them. Adds recruitment specialist duties related to identification, engagement, and support of relatives, fictive kin, and foster and adoptive families that reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of children in need of placement. |
| 2 | Duties of child-placing agencies.
Amends § 260C.215, subd. 6. Adds items that must be included in a child-placing agency's written plan for recruiting relatives, fictive kin, and adoptive and foster families that reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of children in need of placement. |
| 3 | Appropriation; foster and adoptive family recruitment and support grants.
Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants to expand the pool of available foster and adoptive families that reflect the racial and ethnic backgrounds of children in need of placement. Specifies requirements for community-based organization grantees; specifies services the grantees must provide. |



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