

Subject HCBS workforce development grants

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Overview

This bill expands eligibility for the home and community-based services (HCBS) workforce development grants and excludes grant awards from being counted as income for certain purposes.

The HCBS workforce development grants received funding for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 to address challenges related to attracting and retaining direct care workers who provide HCBS for people with disabilities and older adults.

Summary

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1	HCBS Workforce Development Grant.
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Amends Laws 2021, First Special Session ch. 7, art. 17, § 20.

Subd. 1. Appropriation. Expands eligibility for the HCBS workforce development grant by increasing maximum income eligibility from 200 percent to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Subd. 2. Public assistance eligibility. Excludes workforce development grant money from being counted as income, assets, or personal property for purposes of determining eligibility or recertifying eligibility for various income assistance programs.

Subd. 3. Medical assistance eligibility. Excludes workforce development grant money from being counted as income or assets for purposes of determining eligibility for MA.

Provides an immediate effective date.

2	Income tax subtractions.
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Defines “subtraction” to have the meaning given in the income tax statutes, and specifies that workforce development grant money received is a subtraction and

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excluded from income for purposes of the education tax credit and property tax refunds.

Provides a retroactive effective date for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, and before December 31, 2024.



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