

Subject Children and families policy and technical changes

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Overview

This bill makes technical and policy changes to provisions related to Northstar Care for Children assessment rates, child protection relative searches and proceedings, and child support modifications, and repeals two sections related to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit expiration and notification of child support interest on arrears.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Approval of initial assessments, special assessments, and reassessments. Amends § 256N.24, subd. 12. Modifies effective dates for Northstar Care for Children rates for initial assessments (effective based on emergency foster care rate), special assessments (effective the date of finalized permanency decree or transfer), and postpermanency assessments (effective when commissioner signs amendment to Northstar adoption or kinship agreement).
2	Relative search requirements. Amends § 260C.221, subd. 1. Adds cross-reference to definition of “relative.”
3	Order; retention of jurisdiction. Amends § 260C.317, subd. 3. Updates cross-reference.
4	Increase in income of custodial parent. Amends § 518A.43, subd. 1b. Removes two income-related factors allowing the court to deviate from the presumptive support obligation in a modification of child support, so that the court may do so when the only change in circumstances is an increase to the custodial parent’s income and the basic support increases. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.

Section	Description
5	<p data-bbox="316 262 1430 300">Repealer.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1430 459">Repeals §§ 256D.63, subd. 1 (expiration of SNAP benefits; allowing offline storage or expungement after 12 months of inactivity after the month benefits were issued); and 518A.59 (notice of interest on late child support). Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>



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