

CHAPTER 310 — S.F.No. 620

An act relating to public welfare; authorizing grants to county boards to provide semi-independent living services for mentally retarded persons; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 252.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [252.275] SEMI-INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

Subdivision 1. PROGRAM. The commissioner of public welfare shall establish a statewide program to assist counties in reducing the utilization of intermediate care services in state hospitals and in community residential facilities for persons who are mentally retarded. The commissioner shall make grants to county boards to establish, operate, or contract for the provision of semi-independent living services licensed by the commissioner pursuant to sections 245.781 to 245.812 and 252.28.

Subd. 2. APPLICATION; CRITERIA. To apply for a grant, a county board shall submit an application and budget for use of grant money in the form specified by the commissioner. The commissioner shall make grants only to counties whose applications and budgets are approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. REIMBURSEMENT. On or before September 1 of each year, the commissioner shall allocate available funds to the counties which have approved plans and budgets. The commissioner shall disburse the funds on a quarterly basis during the fiscal year to reimburse counties for costs incurred in providing services to individual clients in accordance with the approved plans and budgets.

Subd. 4. FORMULA. The commissioner shall allocate grants under this section to finance up to 95 percent, but not less than 80 percent, of each county's cost for semi-independent living services for mentally retarded persons.

Subd. 5. DISPLACED HOSPITAL WORKERS. Providers of semi-independent living services shall make reasonable efforts to hire qualified employees of state hospital mental retardation units who have been displaced by reorganization, closure, or consolidation of state hospital mental retardation units.

Subd. 6. RULES. The commissioner shall adopt temporary and permanent rules in accordance with chapter 14 to govern grant applications, criteria for approval of applications, allocation of grants, and maintenance of program and financial statements by grant recipients.

Subd. 7. REPORTS. The commissioner shall require collection of data and periodic reports necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of semi-independent living services in helping mentally retarded persons achieve self-sufficiency

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and independence. The commissioner shall report to the legislature no later than January 15, 1984, on the effectiveness of the program, its effect on reducing the number of mentally retarded persons in state hospitals and in intermediate care facilities, and his recommendations regarding making this program an integral part of the social services programs administered by the counties.

Subd. 8. USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS. The commissioner shall maximize the use of federal funds for semi-independent living services.

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CHAPTER 311 — S.F.No. 891

An act relating to transportation; permitting the use of state vehicles in ridesharing arrangements; providing for a unique registration category and special license plates for commuter vans; defining ridesharing arrangement and other terms; clarifying taxation, licensing, and vehicle use requirements in ridesharing arrangements; excluding certain ridesharing arrangements from the provisions of chapter 176 governing workers' compensation; clarifying employers' liability under workers' compensation for a ridesharing arrangement; excluding participation in a ridesharing arrangement from overtime compensation and the payment of minimum wages as defined in chapter 177; excluding payments other than salary to drivers in ridesharing arrangements from the definition of gross income; excluding motor vehicles participating in ridesharing arrangements from the definition of commercial motor vehicle; deleting the requirement to transfer rideshare program development from the commissioner of transportation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 16.753, subdivision 3; 169.01, by adding a subdivision; 174.257, by adding subdivisions; 176.041; 176.051, by adding subdivisions; 290.08, by adding a subdivision; 296.17; and Laws 1981, chapter 363, section 55, subdivision 2; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 168 and 177.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 16.753, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PERMITTED USES.** A state vehicle may be used by a state employee to travel to or from the employee's residence:

(a) On a day on which it may be necessary for the employee to respond to a work-related emergency during hours when the employee is not normally working; or

(b) If the employee has been assigned the use of a state vehicle for authorized state business on an extended basis, and the employee's primary place of work is not the state work station to which he is permanently assigned; or

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