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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5009

03/18/2024 Authored by Her and Keeler The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying countable income under the housing support
1.3 program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256I.03,
1.4 subdivision 7.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256I.03, subdivision 7, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. Countable income. (a) "Countable income" means all income received by an
1.9 applicant or recipient as described under section 256P.06, less any applicable exclusions or
1.10 disregards.

1.11 (b) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who does not live in a
1.12 setting licensed by the Department of Health as a boarding and lodging establishment or
1.13 described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income
1.14 equals the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time that the person is a recipient of housing
1.15 support, less the personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit or benefit
1.16 is reduced for a person due to events other than the receipt of additional income, countable
1.17 income equals actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.

1.18 (c) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who lives in a setting as
1.19 licensed by the Department of Health as a boarding and lodging establishment or described
1.20 in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income equals 30
1.21 percent of the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time that a person is a recipient of housing
1.22 support. If the SSI limit or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than the receipt
1.23 of additional income, countable income equals 30 percent of the actual income less any

2.1 applicable exclusions and disregards. For recipients under this paragraph, the personal needs
2.2 allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

2.3 (d) Notwithstanding the earned income disregard described in section 256P.03, for a
2.4 recipient of unearned income as defined in section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), other
2.5 than SSI and the general assistance personal needs allowance, who lives in a setting licensed
2.6 by the Department of Health as a boarding and lodging establishment or described in section
2.7 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income equals 30 percent of
2.8 the recipient's total income after applicable exclusions and disregards. Total income includes
2.9 any unearned income as defined in section 256P.06 and any earned income in the month
2.10 that the person is a recipient of housing support. For recipients under this paragraph, the
2.11 personal needs allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

2.12 (e) For a recipient who lives in a setting as licensed by the Department of Health as a
2.13 boarding and lodging establishment or described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph
2.14 (b), clause (2), and receives general assistance, the personal needs allowance described in
2.15 section 256B.35 is not countable unearned income.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.