

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE BILL
H.F. 1078 (Chapter 147)**

SUMMARY: The Omnibus Health and Human Services bill includes language that affects the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, including a change to Minnesota statute 245C.10 that allows the commissioner of Human Services to charge a \$20 fee to colleges and universities for background checks done on students in health care programs.

***ARTICLE 2
Children and Family***

Section

- 35 Approval of postsecondary education or training.** This section strikes language requiring Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) participants to work at least 20 hours per week in order for a postsecondary education or training program to be an approved work activity, and adds language that says the program must include additional work activities if the education and training activities do not meet the minimum hours required to meet the federal work participation rate under the Code of Federal Regulations.

***ARTICLE 3
Licensing***

Section

- 14 Temporary personnel agencies, educational programs, and professional services agencies.** This section allows the commissioner of the Department of Human Services to charge a fee of \$20 to colleges and universities for every background study done on each student in the health care programs.

***ARTICLE 4
Health Care Policy***

Section

- 7 Community health worker.** This section states that medical assistance will cover the care coordination and patient education services provided by a community health worker if the community health worker has earned a certificate from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

***ARTICLE 6
Continuing Care Policy***

Section

- 19 Personal care assistant.** This section states that personal care assistant training must include successful completion of one or more training

requirements in:

- (1) a nursing assistant training program or its equivalent for which competency as a nursing assistant is determined according to a test administered by the Minnesota State Board of Technical Colleges;
- (2) a homemaker home health aide pre-service training program using a curriculum recommended by the Department of Health;
- (3) an accredited educational program for registered nurses or licensed practical nurses;
- (4) a training program that provides the assistant with skills required to perform personal care assistant services specified in subdivision 2; or
- (5) a determination by the personal care provider that the assistant has, through training or experience, the skills required to perform the personal care services.

ARTICLE 12
Miscellaneous

Section

- 1 General.** This section extends dependent health insurance coverage to an unmarried child under the age of 25 who is a full-time student. This language does not apply to state employees.

This section is effective January 1, 2008.

- 2 Dependent.** This section redefines “dependent” to mean a spouse or unmarried child under the age of 25, or a dependent child of any age who is disabled.

This section is effective January 1, 2008 and applies to coverage offered, sold, issued, or renewed on or after that date.

ARTICLE 19
Human Services Appropriations

Section

- 3 Human services.**
Subdivision 4. Children and economic assistance grants. This section provides that any unexpended TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funds appropriated to the commissioner of the Department of Human Services to contract with the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, to provide tuition waivers to employees of health care and human service providers that are members of qualifying consortia must cancel at the end of fiscal year 2007.