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## S.F. No. 296 – Parenting with a Disability Support Services Pilot Project - as Amended by the A-2 Author’s Amendment

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**SF 296** creates a state-funded pilot program to provide supportive parenting services to parents who are eligible for personal care assistance services or community first services and supports.

Section 1 (**Subdivision 1**) states the purpose of the supportive parenting services pilot project.

**Subdivision 2** provides definitions, including definitions of “adaptive parenting equipment,” “child,” “childrearing task,” “commissioner,” “parent,” “person with a disability,” “supportive parenting assistant,” and “supportive parenting services.”

**Subdivision 3** defines a new service available through a state-funded grant and pilot program. Only parents currently receiving personal care assistance services are eligible for the state-funded parenting support services available through the pilot program. The new service, called “supportive parenting services,” may be provided by a supportive parenting assistant who is a qualified personal care assistant, provided the supportive parenting assistant is not simultaneously providing personal care assistance. Parenting support services are limited to 40 hours per month, and are in addition to, and do not replace, the parent’s personal care assistance services.

**Subdivision 4** allows parents who are eligible for supportive parenting services to apply to receive adaptive parenting equipment as a state-funded benefit available through the pilot project, provided the cost of the equipment is not otherwise covered by medical assistance.

**Subdivision 5** establishes a onetime grant process for grants to personal care assistance provider agencies to provide supportive parenting services at the same rate as the rate paid under medical assistance for personal care assistance services.

**Subdivision 6** establishes the Parenting with a Disability Advisory Committee with legislative members.

**Subdivision 7** is a blank onetime appropriation for the pilot project, and includes funding for supporting parenting services, adaptive equipment, and the expenses related to the advisory committee and the required report.

Section 2 is a direction to the commissioner to study the supportive parenting services pilot project and issue a report to the legislature.