

S.F. No. 761 – County Agency Access to Information by Phone or Written Communication – as amended by the A-4 Amendment

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Section 1 (**256J.08, subdivision 21**) permits applicants for the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) to submit initial applications online or via telephone.

Section 2 (**256J.09, subdivision 3**) makes conforming changes; requires county agencies to inform applicants for MFIP submitting an initial application online or via telephone that the county agency must receive the applicant's signed written application within 30 days of submitting the initial application; and permits applicant interviews to be conducted by telephone.

Section 3 (**256J.30, subdivision 8**) permits county agencies to make required contact of the caregiver of a minor child in writing or by phone upon receipt of an incomplete monthly MFIP household report form. Under current law, the county agency must return the incomplete MFIP household report form.

Section 4 (**256J.45, subdivision 1**) removes the requirement that when the county agency provides an orientation to an MFIP caregiver of a minor child, that the orientation be done face-to-face.

Section 5 (**256J.95, subdivision 5**) authorize assistance to begin on the date that an applicant for the Diversionary Work Program (DWP) submits an initial application online or via telephone and requires county agencies to inform applicants submitting an initial application online or via telephone that the county agency must receive the applicant's signed written application within 30 days of submitting the initial application.