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S.F. No. 3970 – Modifying requirements for extended foster care (as proposed to be amended by the A-2 amendment)

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Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.055, subd. 17) allows medical assistance to cover persons under 26 years of age who were receiving foster care benefits past 18 years of age through extended foster care.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 1) requires children in foster care who cannot reasonably be expected to be adopted six months prior to the child's 18th birthday to receive notice of extended foster care, rather than the previous requirement of children who cannot be reasonably expected to have another legally permanent family.

Section 3 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 2) requires a responsible social services agency to develop and update an independent living plan for any child in foster care who is 14 years of age or older. Requires a child's independent living plan to be submitted to the court for any child in foster care immediately prior to the child's 18th birthday.

Section 4 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 3) removes the prohibition on children continuing in foster care past 18 years of age when the child is in placement due to a developmental disability or related condition and receiving adult developmental disability services.

Section 5 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 3a) modifies the eligibility criteria for a child to continue in foster care past the age of 18 by (1) including transition programs as part of the secondary education criteria and (2) adding the receipt of paid family and medical leave benefits under chapter 268B.

Section 6 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 6) removes a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody from the list of exclusions that would prevent a child from being able to reenter extended foster care.

Section 7 (amends Minn. Stat. § 260C.451, subd. 8) requires the responsible social services agency to send a copy of foster care termination notices to the commissioner of children, youth, and families. Requires the responsible social services agency to engage with the child to develop a transition plan that addresses certain goals.

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