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S.F. No. 2968 – Adult and children foster care modifications and appropriation

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Section 1 (245A.11, subd. 7) provides that the variance requirements for alternate overnight supervision do not apply to community residential settings.

Section 2 (245A.11, subd. 7a) removes mentions of and citations to community residential settings from statute allowing commissioner to grant a license to a residence that does not have a caregiver during normal sleeping hours but uses monitoring technology.

Section 3 (256B.0918) amends employee scholarship program to create home and community-based services employee scholarship grant program. Modifies eligibility requirements, adds application requirements, amends the provider reporting requirements, and removes the commissioner's annual report to the legislature.

Section 4 (256B.5012) increases operating payment rates for intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities equal to five percent of the rates in effect December 31, 2022.

Section 5 creates a child care relief grant program for direct support professionals that provides a grant award up to \$100 per month for 12 months to eligible direct support professionals with one child in out-of-home child care or up to \$200 per month for professionals with two or more children in out-of-home child care.

Section 6 creates a direct support professionals and supervisor employee retention payments program to retain employees through December 31, 2022. Provides a retention payment of \$1,500 to eligible direct support professionals and frontline supervisors.

Section 7 appropriates money for the home and community-based services employee scholarship grant program.

Section 8 appropriates money for the direct support professional child care relief grant program.

Section 9 appropriates money for the direct support professional and frontline supervisor employee retention payments.