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S.F. No. 3770 – Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families Recodification

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Bill Overview

S.F. 3770 is the proposed legislation produced by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, in consultation with agency and nonpartisan staff from both House Research and Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis, as required by Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 35. This recodification contains the necessary statutory changes to effectuate the transfer of powers, duties, and programs to the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

In the 2023 legislative session, the legislature passed a law creating the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, with certain powers, duties, and programs being transferred from existing state agencies beginning July 1, 2024. According to Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 30, the programs being transferred from the Departments of Human Services, Education, and Public Safety include:

Existing State Agency	Transferred Program
Department of Human Services	Family services and community-based collaboratives
Department of Human Services	Child care assistance program (CCAP)
Department of Human Services	Parent Aware quality rating and improvement system
Department of Human Services	Migrant child care services
Department of Human Services	Early childhood and school-age professional development training
Department of Human Services	Licensing of family child care and child care centers, child foster care, and private child placing agencies
Department of Human Services	Certification of license-exempt child care centers
Department of Human Services	Program integrity and fraud related to CCAP, the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Department of Human Services	SNAP and electronic benefit transactions
Department of Human Services	Minnesota food assistance program and food shelf program
Department of Human Services	MFIP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Department of Human Services	Diversionary Work Program (DWP)
Department of Human Services	Resettlement programs
Department of Human Services	Child abuse and reporting of maltreatment of minors
Department of Human Services	Children in voluntary foster care for treatment
Department of Human Services	Juvenile safety and placement
Department of Human Services	Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA)
Department of Human Services	Interstate Compact for Juveniles and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
Department of Human Services	Adoption and Northstar Care for Children
Department of Human Services	Child support
Department of Human Services	Community action programs
Department of Human Services	Family Assets for Independence (FAIM)
Department of Education	Head Start Program and Early Head Start
Department of Education	Early childhood screening program
Department of Education	Early learning scholarships
Department of Education	Interagency early childhood intervention system
Department of Education	Voluntary prekindergarten programs and school readiness plus programs
Department of Education	Early childhood family education programs
Department of Education	School readiness
Department of Education	After-school community learning programs
Department of Public Safety	Juvenile justice program
Department of Public Safety	Grants-in-aid to youth intervention programs
Department of Public Safety	Office of Restorative Practices

In addition to the transfer of programs, under Laws 2023, chapter 70, article 12, section 35, the Revisor of Statutes was directed to identify, in consultation with the commissioners of management and budget, human services, education, health, and public safety, any changes to Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules necessary to facilitate the transfer of responsibilities to the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families, the authority to fulfill the responsibilities, and the related operational functions needed to implement the necessary legal changes and responsibilities. The Revisor was then required to submit draft legislation to the legislature by February 1, 2024, that included the necessary statutory changes to implement the transfer.

This recodification was accomplished by moving, or in some instances, duplicating, affected statutes into seven new chapters organized by topic area. As the recodification was drafted, nonpartisan staff removed obsolete language and made other technical and conforming changes for clarity or to ensure the administration of transferred programs is feasible. This recodification is not intended to change existing policy or to have a fiscal impact beyond the reorganization of executive branch functions and the establishment of a new department.