



S.F. No. 4337 – Legal Support for Noncitizen Children in Foster Care (1st Engrossment)

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Section 1, subd. 1 appropriates \$300,000 of onetime funding in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to support partnerships between responsible social services agencies and nonprofit organizations to fulfill the requirements of section 260C.452, subd. 4, paragraph (c) relating to assistance in obtaining proper identification documents for noncitizen immigrant youth.

Subd. 2, paragraph (a) states the purpose of the grants is to determine whether children in need of protection or services have documentation of birth and legal authorization to obtain employment, and to assist those who do not.

Subd. 2, paragraph (b) requires social service agency grantees to conduct screenings to identify children who should be referred for services to a partner nonprofit due to a lack of a United States birth certificate and social security card.

Subd. 2, paragraph (c) requires nonprofit grantees to conduct legal assessments and to provide legal representation to noncitizen immigrant youth to assist in attaining permanent legal status or documentation of legal status.

Subd. 3 provides eligibility criteria for nonprofit applicants, and requires applicants to provide proof of a cooperative agreement between the social service agency and the nonprofit organization.

Subd. 4 provides that grants awarded under this section must be for at least \$150,000.

Subd. 5 provides that the data of a responsible social services agency grantee that relates to services provided to a child under this section is classified as private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12 and provides when the agency may share that data and to whom.

