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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; requiring drug screening for MFIP eligibility;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.15, is amended by adding a  
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Eligibility; drug screening. (a) To be eligible for MFIP, a person must  
1.8 undergo drug and alcohol screening, to the extent practicable, following the established  
1.9 procedures and reliability safeguards provided for screening in sections 181.951, 181.953,  
1.10 and 181.954. A county agency must require a recipient of benefits to undergo random  
1.11 drug screening. An applicant must provide evidence of a negative test result to the  
1.12 appropriate county agency prior to being accepted for MFIP benefits and prior to receiving  
1.13 an extension of benefits under section 256J.425.

1.14 (b) A laboratory must report to the appropriate county agency any positive test  
1.15 results returned on an applicant or recipient of MFIP benefits. Upon receipt of a  
1.16 positive test result, a county agency must deny or discontinue benefits until the person  
1.17 demonstrates a pattern of negative test results that satisfy the agency that the person  
1.18 is no longer a drug user.