

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; expanding Minnesota family investment program  
1.3 (MFIP) hardship extensions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section  
1.4 256J.425, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256J.425, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. **Temporary hardship.** An assistance unit subject to the time limit in  
1.9 section 256J.42, subdivision 1, is eligible to receive assistance under a hardship extension  
1.10 from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2012, if the participant who reached the time limit:

1.11 (1) lives in a county with an unemployment rate of five percent or higher;

1.12 (2) does not qualify for another extension under this section; and

1.13 (3) meets the MFIP eligibility criteria in this chapter, except the requirement that the  
1.14 participant be in compliance in the 60th month of receiving assistance.

1.15 Sanction provisions in subdivisions 6 and 7 apply to participants extended under this  
1.16 subdivision.