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**FREEBORN COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD**

At the regular meeting of the Social Service Board held March 7, 2006, the following motion was adopted:

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes 6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates; and

Whereas, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Freeborn County Social Services Board adopts the following mandate proposals and directs their submission to the State Auditor.

Motion by Commissioner DAVE MULLENBACH

Second by Commissioner DAN BELSHAN

		Voting		
		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Glen Mathiason, Chair	X			
Commissioner Jim Nelson, V-Chair	X			
Commissioner Dan Belshan	X			
Commissioner Dave Mullenbach	X			
Commissioner Mark Behrends	X			

Child Support Program

**Laws 2005
Chapter 164 &
1st Special
Session
Chapter 7
Sections 26-28**
(not yet
codified)

Major changes were made in the design of Minnesota's child support program operation (aka Smith's bill). Required additional work will necessitate more county staff time. The Federal Budget Reconciliation Act, as passed, will reduce funding coming to the county. That will negate Freeborn County's ability to add a position and could well result in a staffing reduction of about 25%. The state impact study due 1/30/06 has not yet been seen by Freeborn County to determine what cost factors have been studied and how it compares with county projections.

Within 9 months of staffing reduction the county would be out of compliance with several state and federal requirements – resulting in loss of further revenue. This would likely make the state out of compliance with federal TANF requirements. **The state needs to fully fund the new provisions and cover the FBRA reduction. Alternatively,** in light of the Legislative Auditor's report (which referenced complexity will be compounded by the "Smith" bill) **the Legislature should consider making this a state administered program.**