

A bill for an act

relating to local government; modifying the definition of "dependent" for purposes of group benefits for local government officers and employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.61, subdivision 1a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.61, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Dependents.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1969, section 471.61, as amended by Laws 1971, chapter 451, section 1, the word "dependents" as used therein shall mean spouse and ~~minor~~ unmarried children under the age of ~~18 years~~ ~~and dependent students under the age of 25 years actually dependent upon the employee,~~ and others as defined by governmental units at their discretion.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.