

1.1 A bill for an act

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

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

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

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

1.12 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.13 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.