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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 4593

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Early Childhood Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child care; modifying the requirements on and allocating federal money
1.3 for the ombudsperson for family child care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2021 Supplement, section 245.975, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 245.975, subdivision 1, is amended
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Appointment.** The governor shall appoint an ombudsperson in the
1.9 unclassified service to assist family child care providers with licensing, compliance, and
1.10 other issues facing family child care providers. The ombudsperson must be selected without
1.11 regard to the person's political affiliation and must have been a licensed family child care
1.12 provider for at least three years. The ombudsperson shall serve a term of four years, which
1.13 may be renewed, and may be removed prior to the end of the term for just cause. The
1.14 ombudsperson's first term shall end December 31, 2024.

1.15 Sec. 2. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

1.16 The commissioner of human services may allocate money as necessary from the child
1.17 care and development block grant for the ombudsperson for family child care providers
1.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.975.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,
1.20 whichever is later.