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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5201

04/02/2024 Authored by Zeleznikar The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child care; establishing grants for family child care providers;
1.3 appropriating money; repealing Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10, section 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMPLIANCE GRANTS FOR FAMILY CHILD
1.6 CARE PROVIDERS.

1.7 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 Department of Human Services for compliance grants to family child care providers. This
1.9 is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.

1.10 (b) Grantees must use money received under this section for costs associated with meeting
1.11 licensing requirements, including but not limited to facility improvements, licensing fees,
1.12 and training requirements. Grantees licensed under Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.14,
1.13 subdivision 4, may use money received under this section in coordination with any other
1.14 grantees that share a location under one contiguous roof.

1.15 (c) Grants must not be awarded under this section for more than \$15,000 per family
1.16 child care provider. At least 50 percent of the grant money must go to family child care
1.17 providers located outside the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota
1.18 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. In awarding grants under this section, the
1.19 commissioner must give priority to family child care providers who live in communities
1.20 that have a shortage of licensed child care providers.

2.1 (d) For purposes of this section, "family child care provider" means a family or group
2.2 family child care provider licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A, and Minnesota
2.3 Rules, chapter 9502.

2.4 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.5 Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10, section 4, is repealed.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 10, section 4

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; VOLUNTARY PREKINDERGARTEN RESERVE.**

Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. Voluntary prekindergarten reserve. (a) The commissioner must reserve the following amount for future allocation towards 3,000 voluntary prekindergarten seats:

<u>\$</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>\$</u>	<u>50,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2025</u>

(b) The 2024 legislature must provide direction to the commissioner on allocating the money reserved under paragraph (a).

(c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.