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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; making permanent the temporary priorities for basic sliding
1.3 fee child care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision
1.4 4a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4a. **Temporary reprioritization Funding priorities.** (a) ~~Notwithstanding~~
1.8 ~~subdivision 4~~ In the event that inadequate funding necessitates the use of waiting lists,
1.9 priority for child care assistance under the basic sliding fee assistance program shall be
1.10 determined according to this subdivision ~~beginning July 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024.~~

1.11 (b) First priority must be given to eligible non-MFIP families who do not have a high
1.12 school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency certification
1.13 or who need remedial and basic skill courses in order to pursue employment or to pursue
1.14 education leading to employment and who need child care assistance to participate in the
1.15 education program. This includes student parents as defined under section 119B.011,
1.16 subdivision 19b. Within this priority, the following subpriorities must be used:

1.17 (1) child care needs of minor parents;

1.18 (2) child care needs of parents under 21 years of age; and

1.19 (3) child care needs of other parents within the priority group described in this paragraph.

1.20 (c) Second priority must be given to families in which at least one parent is a veteran,
1.21 as defined under section 197.447.

2.1 (d) Third priority must be given to eligible families who do not meet the specifications
2.2 of paragraph (b), (c), (e), or (f).

2.3 (e) Fourth priority must be given to families who are eligible for portable basic sliding
2.4 fee assistance through the portability pool under subdivision 9.

2.5 (f) Fifth priority must be given to eligible families receiving services under section
2.6 119B.011, subdivision 20a, if the parents have completed their MFIP or DWP transition
2.7 year, or if the parents are no longer receiving or eligible for DWP supports.

2.8 (g) Families under paragraph (f) must be added to the basic sliding fee waiting list on
2.9 the date they complete their transition year under section 119B.011, subdivision 20.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023.

2.11 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.12 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 4, is repealed effective July 1,
2.13 2023.

119B.03 BASIC SLIDING FEE PROGRAM.

Subd. 4. **Funding priority.** (a) First priority for child care assistance under the basic sliding fee program must be given to eligible non-MFIP families who do not have a high school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency certification or who need remedial and basic skill courses in order to pursue employment or to pursue education leading to employment and who need child care assistance to participate in the education program. This includes student parents as defined under section 119B.011, subdivision 19b. Within this priority, the following subpriorities must be used:

- (1) child care needs of minor parents;
- (2) child care needs of parents under 21 years of age; and
- (3) child care needs of other parents within the priority group described in this paragraph.

(b) Second priority must be given to parents who have completed their MFIP or DWP transition year, or parents who are no longer receiving or eligible for diversionary work program supports.

(c) Third priority must be given to families who are eligible for portable basic sliding fee assistance through the portability pool under subdivision 9.

(d) Fourth priority must be given to families in which at least one parent is a veteran as defined under section 197.447.

(e) Families under paragraph (b) must be added to the basic sliding fee waiting list on the date they begin the transition year under section 119B.011, subdivision 20, and must be moved into the basic sliding fee program as soon as possible after they complete their transition year.