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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child care; modifying child care stabilization base grants; appropriating
1.3 money; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section
1.4 21, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision
1.7 4, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner shall award transition grants to all eligible
1.9 programs on a noncompetitive basis through August 31, 2021.

1.10 (b) The commissioner shall award base grant amounts to all eligible programs on a
1.11 noncompetitive basis beginning September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. The base grant
1.12 amounts shall be:

1.13 (1) based on the full-time equivalent number of staff who regularly care for children in
1.14 the program, including any employees, sole proprietors, or independent contractors;

1.15 (2) reduced between July 1, 2022, and ~~June 30, 2023, with amounts for the final month~~
1.16 ~~being no more than 50 percent of the amounts awarded in September 2021~~ March 31, 2023,
1.17 and increased to at least the amount awarded in September 2021 for each of April through
1.18 June 2023; and

1.19 (3) enhanced in amounts determined by the commissioner for any providers receiving
1.20 payments through the child care assistance program under sections 119B.03 and 119B.05
1.21 or early learning scholarships under section 124D.165.

2.1 (c) The commissioner may provide grant amounts in addition to any base grants received
2.2 to eligible programs in extreme financial hardship until all money set aside for that purpose
2.3 is awarded.

2.4 (d) The commissioner may pay any grants awarded to eligible programs under this
2.5 section in the form and manner established by the commissioner, except that such payments
2.6 must occur on a monthly basis.

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

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; BASIC SLIDING FEE PROGRAM.**

2.9 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.10 of human services for the basic sliding fee program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.11 119B.03. This amount is in addition to any other amount appropriated for this purpose. This
2.12 appropriation is available through June 30, 2024.

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

2.14 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS.**

2.15 \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.16 of human services to increase the child care stabilization base grant amounts under Laws
2.17 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, for April through June 2023.
2.18 This amount is in addition to any other amount appropriated for this purpose.

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

2.20 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS.**

2.21 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department
2.22 of Education for early learning scholarships. This amount is in addition to any other amount
2.23 appropriated for this purpose and is subject to the requirements under Minnesota Statutes,
2.24 section 124D.165, subdivision 6. This amount must not be added to the base for fiscal year
2.25 2024.

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