

Subject Ombudsperson for family child care providers

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Summary

H.F. 4593 sets an end date—December 31, 2024—for the first term of the ombudsperson for family child care providers. The bill also directs the commissioner of human services to allocate child care and development block grant (CCDBG) money for the ombudsperson beginning October 1, 2024, or upon federal approval to use the CCDBG money for the ombudsperson, whichever is later.

Background: the 2021 legislature established an ombudsperson for family child care providers to assist family child care providers with licensing, compliance, and other issues facing family child care providers. The 2021 legislature allocated \$499,000 from federal COVID-19 relief money to support the ombudsperson through September 30, 2024.