

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 4419 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[119B.196] BRAIN BUILDERS BONUS PROGRAM.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish the  
1.5 brain builders bonus program to provide competitive grants to eligible child care providers  
1.6 who care for infants or toddlers.

1.7 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings  
1.8 given:

1.9 (1) an "infant" is a child who is at least six weeks old but younger than 12 months old;

1.10 and

1.11 (2) a "toddler" is a child who is at least 12 months old but younger than 19 months old.

1.12 Subd. 3. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner may administer the program through  
1.13 a grant to a nonprofit with the demonstrated ability to manage benefit programs for child  
1.14 care professionals. Up to seven percent of the annual appropriation may be used to administer  
1.15 the program.

1.16 (b) Applicants must apply for the grants using the forms and according to timelines  
1.17 established by the commissioner.

1.18 (c) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner or the nonprofit must give  
1.19 highest priority to eligible child care providers who are caring for an infant at the time of  
1.20 application.

1.21 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, an applicant must:

1.22 (1) care for infants or toddlers who are eligible to receive child care assistance under  
1.23 chapter 119B, at least 30 hours a week; and

2.1 (2) either:

2.2 (i) be a licensed family child care provider or work for a licensed family child care  
2.3 provider; or

2.4 (ii) be a legal, nonlicensed child care provider, as defined in section 119B.011, subdivision  
2.5 16.

2.6 Subd. 5. Grant awards. (a) Grants must be awarded annually. A grant recipient who is  
2.7 or works for a licensed family child care provider may receive up to \$5,000 each year under  
2.8 this section. A grant recipient who is a legal nonlicensed child care provider may receive  
2.9 up to \$4,500 each year under this section.

2.10 (b) A grant recipient shall receive 40 percent of the awarded amount six months after  
2.11 initial notification of receiving a grant and shall receive the remaining award amount 12  
2.12 months after the initial notification. A grant recipient must be caring for a child who is 30  
2.13 months old or younger and meet the eligibility requirements under subdivision 4, clause  
2.14 (2), to receive grant award payments.

2.15 (c) A grant recipient may use the grant money for program supplies, training, or personal  
2.16 expenses.

2.17 (d) Each year at least 50 percent of grant money must be awarded to recipients located  
2.18 in counties outside the metropolitan counties, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4.

2.19 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; BRAIN BUILDERS BONUS PROGRAM.

2.20 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
2.21 human services for the brain builders bonus grant program under section 119B.196."

2.22 Amend the title accordingly