

Subject Early childhood family education (ECFE)

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Overview

School districts that provide community education may choose to establish early childhood family education (ECFE) programs for children from birth to kindergarten, their parents, and for expectant parents. ECFE programs are intended to promote children's learning and development through parent education. ECFE programs are funded through state aid, local levy, and participant fees.

This bill directs the Department of Education to employ two staff persons to serve as resources for ECFE programs and appropriates \$500,000 each year for the staff persons and the support they provide to ECFE programs.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Support staff.
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Directs the Department of Education to employ two full-time equivalent staff to provide operational support and guidance to ECFE programs. Requires that each staff person hold a valid license as a teacher of parent and family education.

The section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

2	Appropriation; early childhood family education support staff.
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Appropriates \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to the Department of Education for the ECFE support staff and their work. The funding is ongoing.