

**Subject** Extending child care stabilization grants

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## Overview

This bill removes the sunset date and the scale-down requirement for the stabilization base grants for child care providers and provides ongoing state funding for the grants.

Background: The 2021 legislature established a child care stabilization grant program and allocated \$304,398,000 in federal COVID-19 relief money to the program. Under the program, monthly base grants are available to eligible child care providers on a noncompetitive basis. The base grants became available September 1, 2021, and remain available through June 30, 2023. The grant amounts must scale down beginning July 1, 2022, with amounts in June 2023 being no more than half of grant amounts awarded in September 2021.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Grant awards.</b>
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	Removes the sunset date for the stabilization base grants for child care providers and removes the requirement that the grants are reduced between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
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2	<b>Appropriation; child care stabilization base grants.</b>
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	Appropriates \$73,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 to DHS for the stabilization base grants for child care providers. Provides \$153,000,000 annually in ongoing funding for the grants.
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