

Subject Brain builders bonus program for child care providers

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Overview

The bill, as amended by H.F. 4419DE2, establishes a competitive grant program for eligible child care providers who care for infants or toddlers.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Brain builders bonus program</p> <p>Creates § 119B.196. Establishes a competitive grant program for licensed family child care providers and legal nonlicensed child care providers who care for infants or toddlers.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of human services to establish the grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “infant” as a child who is at least six weeks old but younger than 12 months old. Defines “toddler” as a child who is at least 12 months old but younger than 19 months old.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Administration. Provides that the commissioner may administer the program through a grant to a nonprofit and allows up to seven percent of the annual appropriation to be used for administration. Directs the commissioner or the nonprofit to prioritize applications from eligible child care providers who are caring for infants at the time of application.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Eligibility. Provides that licensed family child care providers and legal nonlicensed child care providers who care for child care assistance-eligible infants and toddlers at least 30 hours a week are eligible for the grants.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Grant awards. Sets maximum annual grant awards. Provides that grant payments are made in two installments. Allows grant recipients to use the grant money for program supplies, training, or personal expenses. Requires that at</p> |
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| | least 50 percent of the grant money is awarded to recipients located outside the metropolitan counties each year. |
| 2 | Appropriation; brain builders bonus program. Provides a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2023 to the commissioner of human services for the brain builders bonus program grants. |



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