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Overview

This bill makes two general fund appropriations for the emergency services grant program and the transitional housing grant program administered by the Department of Children, Families and Learning.

The emergency services grant program was established in 1997 to provide essential services to homeless persons through grants to local government or nonprofit organizations. The first appropriation for grants was \$300,000 in 1998. Transitional housing programs provide up to 24 months of independent living for homeless persons or homeless families who must contribute 25 percent of their income to the cost of housing.

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the commissioner of children, families and learning for the biennium ending June 30, 2001 for the emergency services grant program established by the legislature in 1997.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$7.256 million from the general fund to the commissioner of children, families and learning for the biennium ending June 30, 2001 for transitional housing programs.