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Overview

This bill appropriates money to the department of human services to operate a grant program for the development of crisis nurseries.

Appropriations for crisis nurseries. Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the next biennium to develop new crisis nurseries. Provides that preference must be given to crisis nursery grantees under Laws 1998, chapter 407, article 1. Also appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the next biennium to expand existing crisis nursery services in an effort to meet increased demand.

(Crisis nurseries offer temporary care for children who are abused, neglected, at high risk of abuse and neglect, or are in families receiving child protective services. It is provided without fee for a maximum of 30 days a year. Crisis nurseries refer families to other support services as needed.)