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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill contains the governor's proposals for child care assistance, food shelf programs, Minnesota economic opportunity grants, and the lead abatement program.

Section

- 1** **Child care fund.** Amends § 119B.011, subd. 6. Eliminates references to the at-home infant care program in the definition of "child care fund."
- 2** **Income.** Amends § 119B.011, subd. 15. Eliminates references to the at-home infant care program in the definition of "income."
- 3** **Date of eligibility for assistance.** Amends § 119B.09, subd. 7. Eliminates references to the at-home infant care program.
- 4** **Parent fee.** Amends § 119B.12, subd. 2. Increases the parent fee for families with incomes between 75 percent and 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines from \$5 to \$10.
- 5** **Legal nonlicensed family child care provider.** Amends § 119B.13. Requires that legal nonlicensed child care providers receiving child care assistance reimbursements be paid in hourly blocks of time. Limits the maximum rate paid to legal nonlicensed family child care providers to 90 percent of the county maximum hourly rate for licensed family child care providers. Allows a rate which includes a provider bonus or a special needs rate to be in excess of the maximum rate allowed under this subdivision. Prohibits legal nonlicensed family child care providers from receiving reimbursement for registration fees for families receiving assistance.
- 6** **Provider rate bonus for accreditation.** Amends § 119B.13, subd. 2. Makes a technical and

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conforming change.

- 7** **Child care assistance parent fee schedule, rulemaking.** Requires the commissioner to adopt rules to amend the parent fee schedule, raising parent fees by about 10 percent.
- 8** **Appropriations.** Appropriates general funds for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for basic sliding fee child care, MFIP child care, child care program integrity, child care development, Minnesota economic opportunity grants (MEOG), and food shelf programs.
- 9** **Federal TANF transfers.** Appropriates federal TANF funds for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the basic sliding fee and MFIP child care programs.
- 10** **Repealer.** Repeals the lead abatement and at-home infant child care programs.