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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a grant program for crisis nurseries. The 2003 Legislature repealed the grant program for crisis nurseries, formerly found in section 256F.11, in Laws 2003, 1st Special Session, chapter 14, article 11, section 12.

Section

1 Grant program for crisis nurseries. Adds section 256F.15.

Subd. 1. Crisis nurseries. Instructs the commissioner of human services to establish a grant program to assist private and public agencies and organizations to provide crisis nursery services. These services are to provide temporary care for children at high risk of abuse and neglect, children who have been abused or neglected, and children in families receiving protective supervision. Services are to be offered for a maximum of 30 days in a year without a fee. Lists the services that are to be provided by the crisis nursery.

Subd. 2. Fund distribution. Provides instructions on allocation of funds:

- Agencies and organizations with experience serving children who have been abused or neglected, or are at high risk of abuse or neglect, and serve communities that demonstrate the greatest need are to be given priority consideration;

Section

- The formula for distributing funds is to be developed by the commissioner in consultation with the Minnesota Crisis Nursery Association;
- The formula shall include funding for all existing crisis nursery programs that have previously been funded by the commissioner; and
- The formula is to consider factors reflecting service needs in each area, including the number of children under age 18 in the service area, the number of children under age 18 living in poverty, and the cost of providing services.

2 Appropriations. Provides appropriations of \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services. Each year \$100,000 of the appropriation is to be made available for capacity development and technical support.