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### Overview

This bill expands child care assistance to certain foster care parents.

Child care assistance programs subsidize the child care expenses of eligible low-income families. The Minnesota Department of Human Services administers two child care assistance programs: the Minnesota family investment program (MFIP) child care assistance and basic sliding fee (BSF) child care assistance. MFIP child care subsidizes the child care costs of families receiving cash assistance through MFIP and provides child care assistance for eligible families for the first 12 months after the family leaves MFIP cash assistance (transition year child care). BSF child care provides a child care subsidy to low-income working families who are not receiving cash assistance from MFIP.

### Section

- 1 Licensed and legal nonlicensed family child care providers; assistance.** Amends § 119B.09, subd. 9. Makes a licensed or legal nonlicensed family child care provider who is also a foster parent eligible to receive child care assistance subsidies for the provider's foster child during the hours the provider is providing child care or being paid to provide child care to the foster child. Requires child care assistance under this provision to be administered according to the child care assistance chapter.

Makes this section effective upon any necessary federal approval. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained or if federal approval is not required.