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Overview

This bill modifies the basic sliding fee (BSF) child care assistance program funding priorities and allocation formula.

BSF child care provides a child care subsidy to low-income working families who are not receiving cash assistance from MFIP. To be eligible for child care assistance, both parents (or one parent in single-parent households) must participate in an authorized work, education, or training activity, cooperate with child support enforcement, and meet income eligibility guidelines. The maximum income limit to be eligible for child care assistance is 47 percent of state median income at program entry and 67 percent or less of state median income at program exit. (For federal fiscal year 2017, 47 percent of state median income is \$37,264, and 67 percent of state median income is \$53,122 for a family of three.)

Not all families who apply for child care assistance receive it. BSF child care receives a capped allocation. As of December 31, 2016, there were 5,033 families on the waiting list for BSF child care assistance.

Section

- 1 Funding priority.** Amends § 119B.03, subd. 4. Modifies the funding priorities for the BSF program. Makes this section effective July 1, 2017.
- 2 Allocation formula.** Amends § 119B.03, subd. 6. Modifies the formula for allocating BSF funds to counties. Makes this section effective January 1, 2018.