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Overview

For the last several years, the legislature has appropriated funds to the Minnesota Department of Education for a grant to an evidence-based early literacy parent-child home visiting program. The department has awarded the grant to Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis for its parent-child home visiting program.

Parent-child home programs are designed to have instructors (called home visitors) visit families with young children to give parents added skills and tools to teach and interact with their children, building literacy skills for school readiness.

The appropriation for the previous biennium and this bill require the parent-child home program to provide service in at least one suburban area, one rural area, and one urban area. This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of money for the grants. This budget base for this program is \$350,000 per year.

Section

Parent-child home program. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of education for a grant for the parent-child home program.