

**Subject** Retaining Early Educators Through Attaining Incentives Now Grants

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## Overview

This bill creates the retaining early educators through attaining incentives now (REETAIN) grants for child care providers and appropriates general fund money for the grants. This grant program is currently funded with federal child care and development fund (CCDF) money and administered by the child care resource and referral agencies.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Retaining Early Educators Through Attaining Incentives Now (REETAIN) Grant Program.</b> Creates § 119B.195.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose.</b> Establishes the REETAIN grant program to provide competitive grants to incentivize well-trained child care professionals to stay in the workforce to create more consistent care for children over time.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Administration.</b> Requires the commissioner to allocate grant funds to child care resource and referral agencies to administer the REETAIN grant program. Allows up to 10 percent of grant funds to be used for administration of the program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Application.</b> Requires applicants to apply for the grant program on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Eligibility.</b> Lists grant applicant eligibility requirements.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Grant awards.</b> Requires grants to be made annually and allows grants of up to \$3,500 per recipient. Allows grant funds to be used for program supplies, training, or personal expenses.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Report.</b> Requires the commissioner to report annually to the legislature beginning January 1, 2021, on the number of grants awarded and program outcomes.</p>

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2	<p><b>Appropriation; REETAIN Grants.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for REETAIN grants. Specifies this appropriation is in addition to federal funding and is added to the base.</p>



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