

Subject Child Care Economic Development Grant Program

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## Overview

This bill creates the child care economic development grant program to increase the availability of child care in order to reduce the child care shortage and appropriates money for the program.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Child care economic development grant program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Establishes the child care economic development grant program to increase the availability of child care in order to reduce the child care shortage, support increased workforce participation, business expansion and retention, and new business location.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Definitions.</b> Defines “commissioner,” “child care,” “political subdivision,” and “Indian tribe.”</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Eligible expenditures.</b> Allows the commissioner to make grants to implement solutions to reduce the child care shortage in the state.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Eligible applicants.</b> Lists requirements eligible applicants must meet.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Application process.</b> Specifies the application process and the commissioner’s duties in administering the grant program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Application contents.</b> Lists the information that must be included in the grant application.</p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Awarding grants.</b> Lists the considerations to which the commissioner may give priority in evaluating applications and awarding grants. Requires the commissioner to endeavor to award grants to qualified applicants in all regions of the state.</p> <p><b>Subd. 8. Limitation.</b> Prohibits grants from funding more than 50 percent of the total cost of a project. Limits grants awarded to a single project to no more than \$100,000.</p>

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2	<p data-bbox="349 262 1427 304"><b>Appropriation.</b></p> <p data-bbox="349 304 1427 455">Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the child care economic development grant program. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.</p>



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