

Subject Basic sliding fee child care assistance

Authors Noor and others

Analyst Annie Mach

Date March 9, 2020

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 a single-parent household) 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 2019 for a family of three, 47 percent of state median income is \$41,070, and 67 percent of state median income is \$58,547.)

Not all families who apply for BSF child care assistance receive it. BSF child care receives a capped allocation. As of December 31, 2019, there were 2,089 families on the waiting list for BSF child care assistance.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Funding priority. Amends § 119B.03, subd. 4. Modifies the funding priorities for the BSF program. Makes this section effective July 1, 2020.
2	Allocation formula. Amends § 119B.03, subd. 6. Modifies the formula for allocating BSF funds to counties. Makes this section effective January 1, 2021.



**MN HOUSE
RESEARCH**

Minnesota House Research Department provides nonpartisan legislative, legal, and information services to the Minnesota House of Representatives. This document can be made available in alternative formats.

www.house.mn/hrd | 651-296-6753 | 600 State Office Building | St. Paul, MN 55155