

Subject Child care stabilization grants and early learning scholarships

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Overview

This bill increases the monthly child care stabilization base grant amounts for eligible child care programs for April through June 2023 and appropriates money for this purpose. The bill also expands eligibility for early learning scholarships to children under the age of five years old and appropriates \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 for scholarships.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Family eligibility.
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Amends § 124D.165, subdivision 2. Expands eligibility for the early learning scholarships program to include any child under the age of five years old on September 1 of the current school year.

2	Grant awards.
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Amends Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision 4. Increases, to the extent possible, the monthly child care stabilization base grant amounts for eligible child care programs for April through June of 2023 to at least the grant amounts awarded in September 2021. Under current law, the grant amounts in June 2023 must be no more than half of what they were in September 2021.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3	Appropriation; child care stabilization grants.
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Appropriates \$12,250,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to increase the child care stabilization base grant amounts.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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4	Appropriation; early learning scholarships.
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	Appropriates \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for early learning scholarships. This is a onetime appropriation.
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	This section is effective the day following final enactment.
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