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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; individual income; increasing the amount of the dependent
1.3 care credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 290.067, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 290.067, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Amount of credit. (a) A taxpayer may take as a credit against the tax
1.7 due from the taxpayer and a spouse, if any, under this chapter an amount equal to 2.5 times
1.8 the amount of the dependent care credit for which the taxpayer is eligible pursuant to the
1.9 provisions of under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code except that. In determining
1.10 whether the child qualified as a dependent, income received as a Minnesota family investment
1.11 program grant or allowance to or on behalf of the child must not be taken into account in
1.12 determining whether the child received more than half of the child's support from the
1.13 taxpayer.

1.14 (b) If a child who has not attained the age of six years at the close of the taxable year is
1.15 cared for at a licensed family day care home operated by the child's parent, the taxpayer is
1.16 deemed to have paid employment-related expenses. If the child is 16 months old or younger
1.17 at the close of the taxable year, the amount of expenses deemed to have been paid equals
1.18 the maximum limit for one qualified individual under section 21(c) and (d) of the Internal
1.19 Revenue Code. If the child is older than 16 months of age but has not attained the age of
1.20 six years at the close of the taxable year, the amount of expenses deemed to have been paid
1.21 equals the amount the licensee would charge for the care of a child of the same age for the
1.22 same number of hours of care.

1.23 (c) If a married couple:

2.1 (1) has a child who has not attained the age of one year at the close of the taxable year;

2.2 (2) files a joint tax return for the taxable year; and

2.3 (3) does not participate in a dependent care assistance program as defined in section 129  
2.4 of the Internal Revenue Code, in lieu of the actual employment related expenses paid for  
2.5 that child under paragraph (a) or the deemed amount under paragraph (b), the lesser of (i)  
2.6 the combined earned income of the couple or (ii) the amount of the maximum limit for one  
2.7 qualified individual under section 21(c) and (d) of the Internal Revenue Code will be deemed  
2.8 to be the employment related expense paid for that child. The earned income limitation of  
2.9 section 21(d) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not apply to this deemed amount. These  
2.10 deemed amounts apply regardless of whether any employment-related expenses have been  
2.11 paid.

2.12 (d) If the taxpayer is not required and does not file a federal individual income tax return  
2.13 for the tax year, no credit is allowed for any amount paid to any person unless:

2.14 (1) the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the person are included on  
2.15 the return claiming the credit; or

2.16 (2) if the person is an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
2.17 Code and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the name  
2.18 and address of the person are included on the return claiming the credit.

2.19 In the case of a failure to provide the information required under the preceding sentence,  
2.20 the preceding sentence does not apply if it is shown that the taxpayer exercised due diligence  
2.21 in attempting to provide the information required.

2.22 (e) In the case of a nonresident, part-year resident, or a person who has earned income  
2.23 not subject to tax under this chapter including earned income excluded pursuant to section  
2.24 290.0132, subdivision 10, the credit determined under section 21 of the Internal Revenue  
2.25 Code must be allocated based on the ratio by which the earned income of the claimant and  
2.26 the claimant's spouse from Minnesota sources bears to the total earned income of the claimant  
2.27 and the claimant's spouse.

2.28 (f) For residents of Minnesota, the subtractions for military pay under section 290.0132,  
2.29 subdivisions 11 and 12, are not considered "earned income not subject to tax under this  
2.30 chapter."

2.31 (g) For residents of Minnesota, the exclusion of combat pay under section 112 of the  
2.32 Internal Revenue Code is not considered "earned income not subject to tax under this  
2.33 chapter."

3.1 (h) For taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$52,230, the credit is  
3.2 equal to the lesser of the credit otherwise calculated under this subdivision, or the amount  
3.3 equal to \$600 minus five percent of federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$52,230 for  
3.4 taxpayers with one qualified individual, or \$1,200 minus five percent of federal adjusted  
3.5 gross income in excess of \$52,230 for taxpayers with two or more qualified individuals,  
3.6 but in no case is the credit less than zero.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December  
3.8 31, 2020.