

A bill for an act
relating to early childhood education; modifying grants to early childhood
learning and child protection facilities; providing for the site acquisition, design,
and construction of the Austin Area Success Center; authorizing the sale and
issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
2006, section 119A.45.

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

ARTICLE 1

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

Section 1. **PRIORITIES.**

The Early Childhood Learning Finance Division of the House Finance Committee
ranks article 2 as its first priority and article 3 as its second priority.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 2

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND CHILD PROTECTION FACILITIES

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119A.45, is amended to read:

119A.45 EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND CHILD PROTECTION FACILITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Grant authority.** The commissioner may make grants to state
agencies and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for early childhood
programs, with priority to centers in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage
of children living in poverty. The commissioner may also make grants to state agencies

~~and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for crisis nurseries, or parenting time centers. The following requirements apply:~~

(a) The facilities must be owned by the state or a political subdivision, but may be leased under section 16A.695 to organizations that operate the programs. The commissioner must prescribe the terms and conditions of the leases.

(b) A grant for an individual facility must not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$300,000 for each program that is housed in the facility, up to a maximum of ~~\$500,000~~ \$750,000 for a facility that houses three programs or more. Programs include Head Start, ~~early childhood and family education programs~~ School Readiness, Early Childhood Family Education, licensed child care, and other early childhood intervention programs.

(c) State appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds. The matching requirement must apply programwide and not to individual grants.

Subd. 2. **Grant priority.** (a) The commissioner must give priority to:

(1) projects in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage of children living in poverty;

(2) grants that involve collaboration among sponsors of programs under this section;
and

(3) grants for programs that utilize Youthbuild under sections 116L.361 to 116L.366 for at least 25 percent of each grant awarded or \$50,000 of the labor portion of the construction, whichever is less, if:

(i) the work is appropriate for Youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by the grantee and the local Youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed;

(ii) it is demonstrated by Youthbuild that using Youthbuild will not increase the overall cost of the project; and

(iii) eligible programs consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver education and training.

(b) The commissioner may give priority to:

(1) projects that collaborate with child care providers, including all-day and school-age child care programs, special needs care, sick child care, nontraditional hour care, and programs that include services to refugee and immigrant families. ~~The commissioner may give priority to;~~ and

(2) grants for programs that will increase their child care workers' wages as a result of the grant. ~~If there is work that is appropriate for youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by the grantee and the local youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed, and if it is demonstrated by youthbuild that using youthbuild will not increase the overall cost of the project, then priority must be given to grants for programs that utilize youthbuild~~

~~under sections 116L.361 to 116L.366 for at least 25 percent of each grant awarded or \$50,000, whichever is less, of the labor portion of the construction. Eligible programs must consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver education and training. State appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds. The matching requirement must apply programwide and not to individual grants.~~

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING FACILITIES GRANTS.**

\$5,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of human services for the early childhood learning and child protection facilities grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.45.

Sec. 3. **BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

To provide the money appropriated by section 2 from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to \$5,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 3
AUSTIN AREA SUCCESS CENTER

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; AUSTIN AREA SUCCESS CENTER.**

\$3,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the city of Austin for the site acquisition, design, and construction of the Austin Area Success Center. This regional facility will be located in the city of Austin and provide for various community and regional services to citizens in the city of Austin and the Mower County area, with a one-stop location so that programs can work together to meet the needs of families. These services focus on family programs such as the Community Child Care Center, Parenting Resource Center, and Head Start, and may include other organizations.

Sec. 2. **BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to

4.1 \$3,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
4.2 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
4.3 sections 4 to 7.

4.4 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4.5 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.