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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4133**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Early Childhood Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to child care; modifying child care stabilization grants for child care
- 1.3 providers; appropriating money; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session
- 1.4 chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision 4.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision
- 1.7 4, is amended to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 4. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner shall award transition grants to all eligible
- 1.9 programs on a noncompetitive basis through August 31, 2021.
- 1.10 (b) The commissioner shall award base grant amounts to all eligible programs on a
- 1.11 noncompetitive basis beginning September 1, 2021, ~~through June 30, 2023~~. The base grant
- 1.12 amounts shall be:
- 1.13 (1) based on the full-time equivalent number of staff who regularly care for children in
- 1.14 the program, including any employees, sole proprietors, or independent contractors; and
- 1.15 ~~(2) reduced between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, with amounts for the final month~~
- 1.16 ~~being no more than 50 percent of the amounts awarded in September 2021; and~~
- 1.17 ~~(3)~~ (2) enhanced in amounts determined by the commissioner for any providers receiving
- 1.18 payments through the child care assistance program under sections 119B.03 and 119B.05
- 1.19 or early learning scholarships under section 124D.165.
- 1.20 (c) The commissioner may provide grant amounts in addition to any base grants received
- 1.21 to eligible programs in extreme financial hardship until all money set aside for that purpose
- 1.22 is awarded.

2.1 (d) The commissioner may pay any grants awarded to eligible programs under this
2.2 section in the form and manner established by the commissioner, except that such payments
2.3 must occur on a monthly basis.

2.4 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; CHILD CARE STABILIZATION BASE GRANTS.**

2.5 \$73,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.6 of human services for the child care stabilization base grants under Laws 2021, First Special
2.7 Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision 4, paragraph (b). The general fund
2.8 base for this appropriation is \$153,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$153,000,000 in fiscal
2.9 year 2025.