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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3194

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying the at-home infant care program;  
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.035,  
1.4 subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.035, subdivision 1, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A family in which a parent provides care for the  
1.9 family's infant child may receive a subsidy in lieu of assistance if the family: (1) is eligible  
1.10 for or is receiving assistance under the basic sliding fee program; and (2) is unable to find  
1.11 a child care provider accepting infants, as verified by the county. An eligible family must  
1.12 meet the eligibility factors under section 119B.09, except as provided in subdivision 4,  
1.13 and the requirements of this section. Subject to federal match and maintenance of effort  
1.14 requirements for the child care and development fund, and up to available appropriations,  
1.15 the commissioner shall provide assistance under the at-home infant child care program  
1.16 and for administrative costs associated with the program. At the end of a fiscal year, the  
1.17 commissioner may carry forward any unspent funds under this section to the next fiscal  
1.18 year within the same biennium for assistance under the basic sliding fee program.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.035, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 2. **Eligible families.** A family with an infant under the age of one year is  
1.21 eligible for assistance if:

1.22 (1) the family is not receiving MFIP, other cash assistance, or other child care  
1.23 assistance;

2.1 (2) the family has not previously received a lifelong total of 12 months of assistance  
2.2 under this section; ~~and~~

2.3 (3) the family is participating in the basic sliding fee program or provides verification  
2.4 of participating in an authorized activity at the time of application and meets the program  
2.5 requirements; and

2.6 (4) the family is unable to find a child care provider accepting infants, as verified  
2.7 by the county.

2.8 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; AT-HOME INFANT CHILD CARE PROGRAM.**

2.9 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
2.10 commissioner of human services for purposes of the at-home infant child care program  
2.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.035. This appropriation is added to the base.