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

03/21/2022 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a study of the early
1.3 childhood education workforce.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WORKFORCE STUDY;**
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$255,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of employment and economic development for a study on the early childhood education
1.9 workforce in Minnesota. This study shall provide a consolidated source of up-to-date data
1.10 on the makeup of the early childhood education workforce, including those working in
1.11 certified and licensed child care centers and family child care homes, Early Head Start and
1.12 Head Start programs, and school-based programs, including Early Childhood Special
1.13 Education; wages, income, and benefits in the industry; and barriers to entering these careers
1.14 or retaining workers in the field, along with information on any other relevant issues
1.15 identified during the research process. At a minimum, the study shall replicate the data
1.16 points published in the Minnesota Department of Human Services-funded study titled "Child
1.17 Care Workforce in Minnesota: 2011 Statewide Study of Demographics, Training and
1.18 Professional Development." It shall be completed within 18 months and the commissioner
1.19 may contract with another organization to complete the study. This is a onetime appropriation
1.20 and is available until December 30, 2023.