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

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to early childhood; requiring reports on the information technology

1.3 supporting and the data practices governing child care and early learning programs;

1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MODERNIZING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

1.7 **FOR PROGRAMS IMPACTING YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

1.8 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

1.9 of management and budget to develop and implement a plan to modernize the information

1.10 technology systems that support the programs impacting early childhood, including child

1.11 care and early learning programs and those serving young children and families administered

1.12 by the Departments of Education and Human Services and other departments with programs

1.13 impacting early childhood as identified by the Children's Cabinet. The commissioner may

1.14 contract for the services contained in this section. This is a onetime appropriation and is

1.15 available until June 30, 2025.

1.16 (b) The plan must support the goal of creating information technology systems for early

1.17 childhood programs that collect, analyze, share, and report data on program participation,

1.18 school readiness, early screening, and other childhood indicators. The plan must include

1.19 strategies to:

1.20 (1) increase the efficiency and effectiveness with which early childhood programs serve

1.21 children and families;

1.22 (2) improve coordination among early childhood programs for families; and

2.1 (3) assess the impact of early childhood programs on children's outcomes, including
2.2 school readiness.

2.3 (c) In developing and implementing the plan required under this section, the contractor
2.4 must consult with the commissioners of education, human services, and information
2.5 technology services and other departments with programs impacting early childhood as
2.6 identified by the Children's Cabinet; the Children's Cabinet; and other stakeholders.

2.7 (d) By February 1, 2023, the commissioner must provide a preliminary report on the
2.8 status of the plan's development and implementation to the committees of the legislature
2.9 with jurisdiction over early childhood programs.

2.10 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; DATA SHARING AMONG PROGRAMS IMPACTING**
2.11 **YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

2.12 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
2.13 management and budget to: (1) identify any administrative rules and practices that prevent
2.14 or complicate data sharing among child care and early learning programs administered by
2.15 the Departments of Education and Human Services and other departments with programs
2.16 impacting early childhood as identified by the Children's Cabinet; and (2) support ongoing
2.17 efforts to address any barriers to data sharing. The commissioner must consult with the
2.18 commissioners of education, human services, and information technology services; the
2.19 Children's Cabinet; and other stakeholders. The commissioner of management and budget
2.20 must report preliminary findings to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over
2.21 early childhood programs by February 1, 2023, and make a final report by February 1, 2024.
2.22 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2024.