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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 497

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; prohibiting child care providers from receiving child
1.3 care assistance program reimbursements for dependents of employees; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.09, subdivision 9a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 119B.09, subdivision 9a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 9a. **Child care centers authorizations; assistance dependents of employees.** (a)
1.8 A child care center ~~may~~ or family child care provider must not receive authorizations for
1.9 ~~25 or fewer~~ children who are dependents of the center's or provider's employees. ~~If a child~~
1.10 ~~care center is authorized for more than 25 children who are dependents of center employees,~~
1.11 ~~the county cannot authorize additional dependents of an employee until the number of~~
1.12 ~~children falls below 25.~~

1.13 ~~(b) Funds paid to providers during the period of time when a center is authorized for~~
1.14 ~~more than 25 children who are dependents of center employees must not be treated as~~
1.15 ~~overpayments under section 119B.11, subdivision 2a, due to noncompliance with this~~
1.16 ~~subdivision.~~

1.17 ~~(e)~~ (b) Nothing in this subdivision precludes the commissioner from conducting fraud
1.18 investigations relating to child care assistance, imposing sanctions, and obtaining monetary
1.19 recovery as otherwise provided by law.