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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; modifying the at-home infant child care program;

1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 119B.035,

1.4 subdivisions 1, 2, 4, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 119B.035, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A family in which a parent provides care for the family's

1.8 infant child may receive a subsidy in lieu of assistance if the family is eligible for or is

1.9 receiving assistance under the basic sliding fee program under section 119B.03 or the MFIP

1.10 program and is eligible for an exemption under section 256J.561, subdivision 3. An eligible

1.11 family must meet the eligibility factors under section 119B.09, except as provided in

1.12 subdivision 4, and the requirements of this section. Subject to federal match and maintenance

1.13 of effort requirements for the child care and development fund, and up to available

1.14 appropriations, the commissioner shall provide assistance under the at-home infant child

1.15 care program and for administrative costs associated with the program. At the end of a fiscal

1.16 year, the commissioner may carry forward any unspent funds under this section to the next

1.17 fiscal year within the same biennium for assistance under the basic sliding fee program

1.18 under section 119B.03.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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 eligible

1.21 for assistance if:

(1) the family is ~~not~~ receiving MFIP, ~~other cash assistance, or other child care assistance~~ and is eligible for an exemption under section 256J.561, subdivision 3;

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

(3) the family:

(i) is ~~participating in~~ receiving assistance under the basic sliding fee program under section 119B.03; or

(ii) provides verification of participating in an authorized activity at the time of application and meets the program requirements.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 119B.035, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Assistance.** (a) A family is limited to a lifetime total of 12 months of assistance under subdivision 2. The maximum rate of assistance is equal to ~~68~~ 90 percent of the rate established under section 119B.13 for care of infants in licensed family child care in the applicant's county of residence.

(b) A participating family must report income and other family changes as specified in sections 256P.06 and 256P.07, and the county's plan under section 119B.08, subdivision 3.

(c) Persons who are admitted to the at-home infant child care program retain their position in any basic sliding fee program. Persons leaving the at-home infant child care program reenter the basic sliding fee program at the position they would have occupied.

(d) Assistance under this section does not establish an employer-employee relationship between any member of the assisted family and the county or state.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 119B.035, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Report.** The commissioner shall report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over the at-home infant child care program by January 15 of each odd-numbered year, beginning January 15, 2019. The report shall include the following information:

(1) the number of families participating in the program;

(2) the number of families continuing to pursue employment, education, or job skills training while participating in the program;

- 3.1 (3) the average income of families before, during, and after participation in the program;
- 3.2 (4) the family size of participating families;
- 3.3 (5) single-parent and two-parent status of program participants;
- 3.4 (6) geographic distribution and racial and ethnic make-up of program participants;
- 3.5 (7) the length of time program participants originally intended to participate in the
- 3.6 program and the actual length of time program participants participated in the program,
- 3.7 including the median length of participation of all program participants;
- 3.8 (8) the median monthly subsidy program participants received;
- 3.9 (9) an evaluation of the financial impact of the program on the basic sliding fee program
- 3.10 under section 119B.03; and
- 3.11 (10) if appropriate, recommendations for changes to the program.

3.12 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; AT-HOME INFANT CHILD CARE PROGRAM.**

- 3.13 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
- 3.14 the general fund to the commissioner of human services for purposes of the at-home infant
- 3.15 child care program under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.035.