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Overview

This bill modifies eligibility and funding for the home and community-based provider employee scholarship program. This program provides funding to providers for employee scholarships for education in nursing and other health care fields.

Section

- 1** **Program criteria.** Amends § 256B.0918, subd. 1. Allows management staff with direct care duties to be eligible to receive scholarships under the home and community-based provider employee scholarship program.
- 2** **Provider selection criteria.** Amends § 256B.0918, subd. 3. Allows providers receiving at least \$300,000 annually in MA payments to participate in the scholarship program (under current law, the dollar threshold is \$500,000).
- 3** **Funding specifics.** Amends § 256B.0918, subd. 4. Increases the MA rate increase provided to fund scholarships from two-tenths to three-tenths.
- 4** **Transfers from special revenue fund.** Amends Laws 2005, First Special Session, ch. 4, art. 9, sec. 5, subd. 8. Allows money appropriated from the state government special revenue fund for the home and community-based provider employee scholarship program that are not expended during a biennium to be carried over to the next biennium. Extends the expiration date for the rider from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2011.