

# H.F. 1604

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Subject Autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies emergency grant

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#### **Overview**

This bill establishes a onetime emergency grant program for autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies.

# **Summary**

## **Section Description**

1 Emergency grant program for autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies.

Establishes a onetime emergency grant program for autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies.

- **Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines "autism spectrum disorder," "autism spectrum disorder treatment services," and "qualified early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention agency."
- **Subd. 2.** Emergency grant program for autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies. Requires the commissioner of human services to award emergency grant money to qualified eligible EIDBI providers to support the stability of the autism spectrum disorder treatment provider sector during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- **Subd. 3. Eligible agencies.** Specifies qualified agencies eligible to receive an emergency grant are qualified EIDBI agencies that have been delivering autism spectrum disorder treatment services for at least six months.
- **Subd. 4. Allocation of grants.** Specifies the information that must be included in the application for a grant, requires the commissioner to review each application and determine whether the application is complete and whether the applicant is eligible for a grant, and lists the criteria the commissioner must use in evaluating grant applications. Requires the commissioner to determine the number of grants awarded and to award grants to providers through December 31, 2024.

#### **Section Description**

**Subd. 5. Eligible uses of grant money.** Requires the commissioner to develop a list of eligible uses for grants awarded under this section.

**Subd. 6. Federal aid or grants.** Requires the commissioner to comply with all conditions and requirements necessary to receive federal aid or grants.

Provides an immediate effective date.

### 2 **Appropriation.**

Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the emergency grant program for autism spectrum disorder treatment agencies. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2024.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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