This bill directs the commissioner of children, families and learning to make one or more grants to fund culturally competent child care for members of the African immigrant and refugee community. A general fund appropriation is used to fund the grant.

Section

1 Child care development grants; African immigrant and refugee community. Directs the commissioner of children, families and learning to make grants to fund culturally competent child care and early education programs for the African immigrant and refugee community. The grants must be used to support the establishment of licensed family child care or a child care center by providing technical assistance, start-up costs, subsidies for housing acquisition or rehabilitation, training, provider subsidy, and other costs of operation for licensed care.

The grants must be made in consultation with specified groups representing the immigrant community. Priority is given to programs with persons fluent in English and native languages and programs that work in partnership. A report to the legislature and the commissioner is required of any group that receives funding.
Appropriation; child care development grant; African immigrant and refugee community. Makes a blank appropriation from the general fund to the department of children, families and learning for fiscal year 2000 to develop culturally competent childcare under section 1.