

Subject Child care program grants

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Overview

Section 1 of this bill modifies the child care services grants available under section 119B.21 that are awarded by child care resource and referral programs to child care providers. Section 2 of this bill would amend the commissioner of human service's authority with respect to waiving child care program requirements under chapter 119B during disaster periods.

Summary

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1	Child care services grants.
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Amends § 119B.21.

Subd. 1. Distribution of grant funds. Changes the name of the grants to “child care services grants” and specifies how the grants are to be used.

Subd. 1a. Eligible programs. Creates a new subdivision specifying the types of entities that may receive a child care services grant. The recipients are similar to those specified in current law, with additional clarification around child care centers and family or group family child care homes, and the addition of tribally licensed child care programs and other programs as determined by the commissioner of human services.

Subd. 3. Child care district proposal review committees. Modifies how the child care resource and referral district programs may reimburse committee members for their participation in the grant review process.

Subd. 5. Child care services grants. Modifies the list of what child care services grants can be used for to specify “facility improvements...” and other uses approved by the commissioner.

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Strikes the \$1,000 cap on grant awards and the list of allowed activities for family child care providers. Directs the commissioner to determine a maximum grant award for each type of program (not just family child care providers).

Strikes language specifying the types of programs that may receive grants (a modified version of this language is added under subdivision 1a).

Removes the requirement that child care centers that receive a child services grant provide a 25 percent local match.

Removes the requirement that child care centers and family child care providers are “increasingly awarded” for specified uses of the grants.

2 Authority to waive requirements during disaster periods.

Amends § 119B.26. Allows the commissioner to waive the requirements under chapter 119B retroactively from the date of the disaster. Modifies when the commissioner has to report to the legislature about the waiver from ten days before the effective date of the waiver to within five business days after the waiver is granted.



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