

Subject Grant programs for early care and education providers

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Overview

This bill modifies and appropriates money to two programs that provide grants to early care and education providers: (1) the retaining early educators through attaining incentives now (REETAIN) grant program; and (2) the teacher education and compensation helps (TEACH) grant program. This bill would add the REETAIN program to statute, modify some program requirements, and appropriate \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the program. This bill would modify aspects of the TEACH program and appropriate \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the program.

Summary

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1	Retaining early educators through attaining incentives now (REETAIN) grant program.
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Creates § 119B.195. Establishes in statute the REETAIN grant program to provide competitive grants to eligible child care providers to incentivize them to remain in the early care and education field. Directs the commissioner of human services to allocate the funding for the REETAIN grant program to a nonprofit organization. The nonprofit organization must annually award grant money to eligible child care providers in an amount determined by the commissioner. By January 1 of each year, the commissioner must report to the legislature on the number of grants awarded and program outcomes.

2	Program components.
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Amends § 136A.128, subdivision 2. Increases the tuition scholarships available under the TEACH grant program from \$5,000 per year to \$10,000 per year and increases the minimum education incentives from \$100 to \$250 for participants in the tuition scholarship program if they complete a year of working in the early care and education field. Adds that applicants may be employed by a public prekindergarten program, modifies the amount scholarship recipients must contribute from 10 percent to at least 10 percent of the total scholarship, and decreases the amount

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	their employer must contribute from 10 percent to at least 5 percent of the total scholarship.
3	Administration. Amends § 136A.128, subdivision 4. Increases the amount a nonprofit organization that receives a TEACH grant may use to administer the program from 5 percent to 10 percent of the grant amount.
4	Appropriation; retaining early education through attaining incentives now (REETAIN) grant program. Appropriates \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the commissioner of human services for the REETAIN grant program.
5	Appropriation; TEACH program grants. Appropriates \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the commissioner of human services for the TEACH program grants.
6	Revisor instruction. Directs the revisor to renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.128 (the TEACH grant program) as a section in Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.



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