

**Subject** Foster children's participation in early childhood programs

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### Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of human services to report on the participation of foster children under the age of six in early care and education programs and appropriates money for the required reports.

### Summary

Section Description

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**1 Report on participation in early childhood programs by children in foster care.**

**Subd. 1. Reporting requirement.** Directs the commissioner of human services to report on the participation of foster children under the age of six in early care and education programs.

**Subd. 2. Report content.** The report must use currently available administrative data to provide the participation data by child's race, ethnicity, age, and county of residence. The report must also: (1) include recommendations on specified topics; (2) include an implementation plan for increasing foster children's participation in early care and education programs; and (3) identify barriers to be addressed to ensure that early care and education programs are responsive to the needs of children's foster families and families of origin.

**Subd. 3. Submission to the legislature.** The commissioner must submit to the legislature an interim report by January 15, 2022, and a final report by June 30, 2022.

**2 Appropriation; report on participation in early childhood programs by children in foster care.**

Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for the interim and final reports required under section 1.



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