

**Subject** Establishing a task force for early care and education

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## Overview

This bill creates a task force that is required to develop a plan and an implementation timeline for ensuring that all families in Minnesota have access to high-quality, affordable early care and education for children from birth up to age five. The plan must provide that; (1) no family pays more than seven percent of its income for early care and education; (2) a child's access to high-quality early care and education is not determined by the child's race, income, or zip code; and (3) the early care and education workforce receives at least a livable wage and has access to professional development opportunities.

## Summary

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1	<b>Affordable, high-quality early care and education for all families.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Goal.** Provides that it is a goal of the state for all families to have access to high-quality, affordable early care and education for children from birth up to age five.

**Subd. 2. Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force; establishment.** Establishes the Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force to develop strategies to meet the goal defined in subdivision 1.

**Subd. 3. Membership.** Identifies the 19 voting members of the task force and the non-voting representatives from state agencies.

**Subd. 4. Administration.** Describes how the task force will be administered and provides that the task force expires when it submits its final report required under subdivision 9.

**Subd. 5. Plan development.** Requires that the task force develop a plan to achieve the goal outlined in subdivision 1 by 2031. The plan must create a system under which: (1) no family pays more than seven percent of its income for early care and education; (2) a child's access to early care and education is not

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determined by the child’s race, income, or zip code; and (3) the early care and education workforce is paid at least a livable wage and has access to professional development opportunities.

**Subd. 6. Affordable, high-quality early care and education.** Describes several strategies related to providing affordable, high-quality early care and education that the task force must incorporate into the plan developed under subdivision 5.

**Subd. 7. Workforce compensation.** Describes several strategies related to providing livable wages to the early care and education workforce that the task force must incorporate into the plan developed under subdivision 5.

**Subd. 8. Implementation timeline.** Directs the task force to develop an implementation timeline that phases in the plan developed under subdivision 5 over a period of no more than six years, beginning in July 2025 and ending no later than July 2031.

**Subd. 9. Required reports.** Requires that the task force submit to the governor and the legislature an interim report by July 1, 2022, and a final report by February 1, 2023.

2 **Appropriation; Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force.**

Provides blank appropriations for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the commissioner of management and budget for the task force.



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