

Subject Direct support professional child care relief grants

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Overview

This bill establishes a direct support professional child care relief grant program and appropriates money from the federal American Rescue Plan state fiscal recovery fund for the program.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Direct support professional child care relief grants.
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Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Establishes the direct support professional child care relief grant program to help with the costs of child care incurred by eligible direct support professionals.

Subd. 2. Administration. Requires the commissioner of human services to administer the direct support professional child care relief grant program and allows the commissioner to use up to ten percent of the appropriation for the grant program for administrative expenses.

Subd. 3. Application. Paragraph (a) requires eligible direct support professionals to apply to the commissioner for grant money on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to develop an expedited application process and to allow the use of electronic submission of application forms and accept electronic signatures.

Subd. 4. Eligibility. Lists eligibility criteria direct support professionals must meet.

Subd. 5. Grant awards. Requires the commissioner to make grant awards to eligible direct support professionals once per month and sets limits on monthly grant amounts per direct support professional.

Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 1421 294">Appropriation; direct support professional child care relief grants.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1421 420">Appropriates \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the federal American Rescue Plan state fiscal recovery fund to the commissioner of human services for direct support professional child care relief grants. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.</p>



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