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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/03/2022	4878	Introduction and first reading Referred to Aging and Long-Term Care Policy
02/10/2022	4976	Withdrawn and re-referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; providing bonuses to employees of nursing homes and

1.3 assisted living facilities; providing initial funding for all-inclusive care for the

1.4 elderly; appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **DIRECTION TO THE COMMISSIONER; INITIAL PACE**

1.7 **IMPLEMENTATION FINANCING.**

1.8 The commissioner of human services must work with stakeholders to develop

1.9 recommendations for financing mechanisms to complete the actuarial work and cover the

1.10 administrative costs of a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE). The

1.11 commissioner must recommend a financing mechanism that could begin July 1, 2024. By

1.12 December 15, 2023, the commissioner shall inform the chairs and ranking minority members

1.13 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care finance on the commissioner's

1.14 progress toward developing a recommended financing mechanism.

1.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; INITIAL PACE IMPLEMENTATION FINANCING.**

1.16 \$265,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the state fiscal recovery federal fund

1.17 to the commissioner of human services to complete the initial actuarial and administrative

1.18 work necessary to recommend a financing mechanism for the operation of PACE under

1.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.69, subdivision 23, paragraph (e). For the purposes of

1.20 this section, "state fiscal recovery federal fund" means money received by the state from

1.21 the state fiscal recovery fund in the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2. This is

1.22 a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2026.

2.1 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; LONG-TERM CARE STAFF FUNDING.**

2.2 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the state fiscal recovery federal fund
2.3 to the commissioner of human services for onetime grants to licensed nursing homes and
2.4 licensed assisted living facilities for employee bonuses. For the purposes of this section,
2.5 "state fiscal recovery federal fund" means money received by the state from the state fiscal
2.6 recovery fund in the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2. This is a onetime
2.7 appropriation and is available until December 31, 2026. Any money not obligated by eligible
2.8 organizations by November 15, 2024, must be returned to the commissioner.

2.9 (b) The commissioner shall evenly distribute the available grant money to all licensed
2.10 nursing facilities and licensed assisted living facilities as follows:

2.11 (1) add the number of licensed beds in nursing facilities and the licensed resident capacity
2.12 in assisted living facilities;

2.13 (2) divide the result of clause (1) by the total available funding; and

2.14 (3) for each facility, multiply the result of clause (2) by either the facility's number of
2.15 licensed beds or by its licensed resident capacity.

2.16 (c) Grantees must use the grant money for one or more of the following:

2.17 (1) signing bonuses of up to \$1,500 for newly hired employees and contractors;

2.18 (2) retention bonuses of up to \$1,500 for existing employees and contractors; or

2.19 (3) sub-grants up to \$2,500 to existing or newly hired employees who recently completed
2.20 or are pursuing a course of study that is expected to lead to employment or career
2.21 advancement with a provider of or in the field of long-term care. Sub-grantees must use the
2.22 sub-grant money only for costs related to tuition, direct educational expenses, child care
2.23 and transportation costs incurred as a direct result of participating in classroom instruction
2.24 or training, or repayment of student loan debt directly incurred as a result of pursuing a
2.25 qualifying course of study.

2.26 (d) No individual may receive more than \$5,000.

2.27 (e) Costs associated with the purposes described in paragraph (c) that are funded under
2.28 this section are not allowable costs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256R. Grants provided
2.29 under this section are not applicable credits under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256R.

2.30 (f) Money received by a facility under this section must not be used to supplant funding
2.31 available under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1503 or 256B.0918, or to supplant the

3.1 portion of a nursing facility's total payment rate attributable to scholarships under Minnesota
3.2 Statutes, section 256R.37.

3.3 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.4 Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.