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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying base grant amount calculation for family  
1.3 child care providers; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article  
1.4 14, section 21, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 14, section 21, subdivision  
1.7 4, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Grant awards.** (a) The commissioner shall award transition grants to all eligible  
1.9 programs on a noncompetitive basis through August 31, 2021.

1.10 (b) The commissioner shall award base grant amounts to all eligible programs on a  
1.11 noncompetitive basis beginning September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. The base grant  
1.12 amounts shall be:

1.13 (1) based on the full-time equivalent number of staff who regularly care for children in  
1.14 the program, including any employees, sole proprietors, or independent contractors. The  
1.15 commissioner must count a staff member at a family child care provider who works 64  
1.16 hours or more per week as two full-time equivalent staff for the purposes of calculating the  
1.17 base grant amount;

1.18 (2) reduced between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, with amounts for the final month  
1.19 being no more than 50 percent of the amounts awarded in September 2021; and

1.20 (3) enhanced in amounts determined by the commissioner for any providers receiving  
1.21 payments through the child care assistance program under sections 119B.03 and 119B.05  
1.22 or early learning scholarships under section 124D.165.

2.1 (c) The commissioner may provide grant amounts in addition to any base grants received  
2.2 to eligible programs in extreme financial hardship until all money set aside for that purpose  
2.3 is awarded.

2.4 (d) The commissioner may pay any grants awarded to eligible programs under this  
2.5 section in the form and manner established by the commissioner, except that such payments  
2.6 must occur on a monthly basis.