

1.1 **Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which**
1.2 **was referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 2606:** A bill for an act relating to early childhood; establishing an early
1.4 childhood apprenticeship program; appropriating money for an apprenticeship program, an
1.5 early childhood workforce compensation task force, early childhood workforce development
1.6 scholarships, and for grants to postsecondary institutions to improve early childhood program
1.7 curricula; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.8 119B.

1.9 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.10 Page 1, line 9, after "CHILDHOOD" insert "REGISTERED" and after
1.11 "APPRENTICESHIP" insert "GRANT"

1.12 Page 1, line 10, after "shall" insert ", in coordination with the commissioner of labor
1.13 and industry,"

1.14 Page 1, line 11, after "apprenticeship" insert "grant" and delete "paid" and insert
1.15 "employment-based training and mentoring" and delete "to learn"

1.16 Page 1, line 12, delete everything before the period

1.17 Page 1, delete subdivisions 2 and 3 and insert:

1.18 "Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
1.19 definitions given.

1.20 (b) "Apprentice" means an employee participating in an early childhood registered
1.21 apprenticeship program.

1.22 (c) "Early childhood registered apprenticeship program" means an organization registered
1.23 with the Department of Labor and Industry under chapter 178, registered with the Office
1.24 of Apprenticeship within the United States Department of Labor, or registered with a
1.25 recognized state apprenticeship agency under Code of Federal Regulations, title 29, parts
1.26 29 and 30, and who is:

1.27 (1) a licensed child care center under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503;

1.28 (2) a licensed family and group family child care provider under Minnesota Rules,
1.29 chapter 9502;

1.30 (3) a public prekindergarten program under section 124D.13, 124D.135, 124D.15 to
1.31 124D.16, 125A.01 to 125A.05, or 125A.26 to 125A.48, or Laws 2017, First Special Session
1.32 chapter 5, article 8, section 9;

1.33 (4) a Head Start program under sections 119A.50 to 119A.54; or

1.34 (5) a certified, license-exempt child care center under chapter 245H.

2.1 (d) "Mentor" means an early childhood registered apprenticeship program journeyworker
 2.2 under section 178.011, subdivision 9, and who has a career lattice step of nine or higher.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Program components.** The organization holding the TEACH license with the
 2.4 Department of Human Services shall distribute the grant and must use the grant for:

2.5 (1) tuition scholarships for apprentices for courses leading to a higher education degree
 2.6 in early childhood;

2.7 (2) stipends for mentors; or

2.8 (3) stipends for early childhood registered apprenticeship programs."

2.9 Page 2, delete subdivision 4 and insert:

2.10 "Subd. 4. **Grants to apprentices.** An apprentice may receive a higher education
 2.11 scholarship of up to \$10,000 for up to 24 months under this section, provided the apprentice
 2.12 complies with the following program requirements:

2.13 (1) enrolls in an early childhood registered apprenticeship program;

2.14 (2) is a current participant in good standing in the TEACH scholarship program under
 2.15 section 119B.251;

2.16 (3) participates in monthly meetings with a mentor;

2.17 (4) works toward meeting early childhood competencies identified in Minnesota's
 2.18 Knowledge and Competency Framework for early childhood professionals, as observed by
 2.19 a mentor; and

2.20 (5) works toward the attainment of a higher education degree in early childhood.

2.21 Subd. 5. **Allowable uses.** Grant recipients may use grant money for personal expenses."

2.22 Page 2, line 12, after "receive" insert "up to"

2.23 Page 2, line 13, delete everything after the second "the" and insert "requirements in the
 2.24 apprenticeship program standard and completes eight weeks of mentor training and additional
 2.25 training on observation. The training shall be free of charge to mentors."

2.26 Page 2, delete lines 14 to 17

2.27 Page 2, line 18, after the first "childhood" insert "registered apprenticeship" and after
 2.28 the second "childhood" insert "registered apprenticeship"

2.29 Page 2, line 19, after "receive" insert "up to" and after "and" insert "up to" and delete
 2.30 "hosted" and insert "employed"

3.1 Page 2, line 20, after "childhood" insert "registered apprenticeship" and after "with"
3.2 insert "the requirements in the apprenticeship program standard and"

3.3 Page 2, line 22, after the semicolon, insert "and"

3.4 Page 2, line 24, delete the semicolon and insert a period

3.5 Page 2, delete lines 25 to 27

3.6 Page 3, delete section 2

3.7 Page 4, line 23, after "CHILDHOOD" insert "REGISTERED" and after
3.8 "APPRENTICESHIP" insert "GRANT"

3.9 Page 4, line 25, delete "\$....." and insert "\$2,000,000" and delete "\$." and insert
3.10 "\$2,000,000"

3.11 Page 4, line 26, after "childhood" insert "registered" and after "apprenticeship" insert
3.12 "grant"

3.13 Page 5, delete section 5

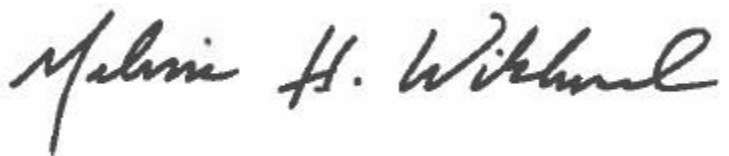
3.14 Renumber the subdivisions and sections in sequence

3.15 Amend the title accordingly

3.16 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Labor.

3.17 Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

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March 17, 2023.....

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(Date of Committee recommendation)