

Subject Establishing a Department of Early Childhood

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Overview

The bill establishes a new state agency, the Department of Early Childhood, effective July 1, 2023. The bill identifies programs currently administered under the Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services to transfer to the Department of Early Childhood.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Departments of the state. Amends §15.01. Adds the Department of Early Childhood to the list of agencies designated as departments of the state government.
2	Applicability. Amends §15.06. Applies to the commissioner of early childhood the requirements for commissioners.
3	Group I salary limits. Amends §15A.0815. Adds the commissioner of early childhood to the list of positions with salary limits that cannot exceed 133 percent of the governor's salary.
4	Additional unclassified positions. Amends §43A.08. Adds the Department of Early Childhood to the list of agencies that may designate additional unclassified positions.
5	Department of Early Childhood. Creates §119C.01. Establishes the Department of Early Childhood, effective July 1, 2023.
6	Definitions. Creates §119C.02. Defines "commissioner" and "department."

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7	Commissioner. Creates §119C.03. Provides that the Department of Early Childhood is under the administrative control of a commissioner who is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Outlines the commissioner’s duties.
8	Transfers from other agencies. Creates §119C.04. Directs the Departments of Human Services, Education, and Health to transfer the programs identified in the section to the Department of Early Childhood beginning July 1, 2023.
9	Employee provisions. Provides that the transfers among agencies under the bill must be conducted in accordance with requirements for transferring power and reducing staff.
10	Process. Directs the governor to appoint a commissioner-designee of the Department of Early Childhood by January 15, 2023, and provides that the commissioner-designee must work with the commissioners of education, health, and human services to identify powers and duties to transfer to the Department of Early Childhood. Requires the Department of Minnesota Management and Budget to provide financial and administrative support for the work of the commissioner-designee.
11	Revisor instruction. Directs the revisor to submit draft legislation with necessary statutory changes that result from this bill to the legislature.
12	Rulemaking. Directs the commissioner of early childhood to amend Minnesota Rules to make changes related to the transfer of duties under the bill.



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