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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2728

03/24/2025 Authored by Coulter The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child care; modifying great start compensation support payments;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142D.21, subdivision 6.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142D.21, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. Payments. (a) The commissioner shall provide payments under this section to
1.7 all eligible programs on a noncompetitive basis. The payment amounts shall be based on
1.8 the number of full-time equivalent staff who regularly care for children in the program,
1.9 including any employees, sole proprietors, or independent contractors.

1.10 (b) For purposes of this section, "one full-time equivalent" is defined as an individual
1.11 caring for children, participating in professional development or training, or lesson planning
1.12 for 32 hours per week. An individual can count as more or less than one full-time equivalent
1.13 staff, but as no more than two full-time equivalent staff.

1.14 (c) The commissioner must establish an amount to award per full-time equivalent
1.15 individual who regularly cares for children in the program.

1.16 (d) Payments must be increased by ten percent for programs receiving child care
1.17 assistance payments under section 142E.08 or 142E.17 or early learning scholarships under
1.18 section 142D.25, or for programs located in a child care access equity area. The commissioner
1.19 must develop a method for establishing child care access equity areas. For purposes of this
1.20 section, "child care access equity area" means an area with low access to child care, high
1.21 poverty rates, high unemployment rates, low homeownership rates, and low median
1.22 household incomes.

- 2.1 (e) The commissioner shall establish the form, frequency, and manner for making
- 2.2 payments under this section.