

**Subject** Requiring an evaluation of parent aware

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## Summary

The bill directs the commissioner of human services to arrange an independent evaluation of Minnesota's quality rating and improvement system (QRIS), commonly known as Parent Aware. The evaluation must examine Parent Aware's effectiveness and impact on outcomes, including children's progress toward school readiness, the quality of the early care and education workforce, and parents' ability to access and use meaningful information about the quality of early care and education programs. The evaluation findings and the commissioner's recommendations for revisions and potential future evaluations must be reported to legislature by December 31, 2024.

The bill appropriates \$1.65 million over the base in fiscal year 2022 for the evaluation.