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**H. F. No. 1074**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Economic Development Finance and Policy  
02/20/2023 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy  
03/23/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Minnesota Initiative  
1.3 Foundations; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to the Minnesota Initiative  
1.8 Foundations. The Minnesota Initiative Foundations are authorized to subgrant their allocation  
1.9 to partner organizations who are assisting in their child care work. This is a onetime  
1.10 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. The Minnesota Initiative Foundations  
1.11 must use grant funds under this section to:

1.12 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural communities resulting in a community solution  
1.13 action plan that guides decision making to sustain and increase the supply of quality child  
1.14 care in the region to support economic development;

1.15 (2) engage the private sector to invest local resources to support the community solution  
1.16 action plan and ensure quality child care is a vital component of additional regional economic  
1.17 development planning processes;

1.18 (3) provide locally based training and technical assistance to rural child care business  
1.19 owners individually or through a learning cohort. Access to financial and business  
1.20 development assistance must prepare child care businesses for quality engagement and  
1.21 improvement by stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from other sources, and fostering

2.1 business acumen that allows child care businesses to plan for and afford the cost of providing  
2.2 quality child care; and

2.3 (4) recruit child care programs to participate in Parent Aware, Minnesota's quality and  
2.4 improvement rating system, and other high quality measurement programs. The Minnesota  
2.5 Initiative Foundations must work with local partners to provide low-cost training, professional  
2.6 development opportunities, and continuing education curricula. The Minnesota Initiative  
2.7 Foundations must fund, through local partners, an enhanced level of coaching to rural child  
2.8 care providers to obtain a quality rating through Parent Aware or other high quality  
2.9 measurement programs.

2.10 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; CHILD CARE BUSINESS SUPPORT AND TRAINING.**

2.11 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
2.12 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant  
2.13 to WomenVenture to support child care providers through business training and shared  
2.14 services programs and to create materials that could be used, free of charge, for start-up,  
2.15 expansion, and operation of child care businesses statewide, with the goal of helping new  
2.16 and existing child care businesses in underserved areas of the state become profitable and  
2.17 sustainable. The commissioner shall report data on outcomes and recommendations for  
2.18 replication of this training program throughout Minnesota to the governor and relevant  
2.19 committees of the legislature by December 15, 2025. This is a onetime appropriation.