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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5206

04/02/2024 Authored by Schomacker The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing emergency relief grants for financially
1.3 distressed early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention providers;
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS FOR RURAL EIDBI PROVIDERS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Establishment and purpose. (a) The commissioner of human services
1.8 shall award grants to financially distressed organizations that provide early intensive
1.9 developmental and behavioral intervention services to rural communities. For the purposes
1.10 of this section, "rural communities" means communities outside the metropolitan counties
1.11 listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 4, and outside the cities of Duluth,
1.12 Mankato, Moorhead, Rochester, and St. Cloud.

1.13 (b) The commissioner shall conduct community engagement, provide technical assistance,
1.14 and work with the commissioners of management and budget and administration to mitigate
1.15 barriers in accessing grant money.

1.16 (c) The commissioner shall limit expenditures under this section to the amount
1.17 appropriated for this purpose.

1.18 Subd. 2. Eligibility. (a) To be an eligible applicant for a grant under this section, a
1.19 provider of early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention services must submit
1.20 to the commissioner of human services a grant application in the form and according to the
1.21 timelines established by the commissioner.

1.22 (b) In a grant application, an applicant must demonstrate that:

2.1 (1) the total net income of the provider of early intensive developmental and behavioral
 2.2 intervention services is not generating sufficient revenue to cover the provider's operating
 2.3 expenses;

2.4 (2) the provider is at risk of closure or ceasing to provide early intensive developmental
 2.5 and behavioral intervention services; and

2.6 (3) additional emergency operating revenue is necessary to preserve access to early
 2.7 intensive developmental and behavioral intervention services within the rural community
 2.8 the provider serves.

2.9 (c) In a grant application, the applicant must make a request based on the information
 2.10 submitted under paragraph (b) for the minimal funding amount sufficient to preserve access
 2.11 to early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention services within the rural
 2.12 community the provider serves.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Approving grants.** The commissioner must evaluate all grant applications on
 2.14 a competitive basis and award grants to successful applicants within available appropriations
 2.15 for this purpose. The commissioner's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

2.16 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS FOR RURAL EIDBI**
 2.17 **PROVIDERS.**

2.18 \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
 2.19 human services for emergency relief grants for EIDBI providers. This is a onetime
 2.20 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.