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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Jobs and Economic Development

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for the commissioner of
1.3 employment and economic development to contract with a vendor of child care
1.4 business management solutions.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; CHILD CARE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**
1.7 **SOLUTIONS.**

1.8 \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to
1.9 the commissioner of employment and economic development for the commissioner to
1.10 contract with a vendor of child care business management solutions that provides
1.11 comprehensive tools and technological support including:

1.12 (1) wraparound business management tools, such as marketing, website creation,
1.13 enrollment support, automated billing, attendance tracking, tax documentation, daily activity
1.14 tracking, family communication, and revenue and expense tracking;

1.15 (2) technical assistance to child care providers using software to manage their business;

1.16 (3) data dashboards for state and regional monitoring of program implementation,
1.17 including real-time data;

1.18 (4) a Learning Management Solution to guide new providers through the licensing
1.19 process and a licensing handbook developed specifically for Minnesota requirements;

1.20 (5) integration with existing state database systems; and

1.21 (6) language access services to meet community needs.

- 2.1 The vendor must provide services free of charge to child care businesses. The commissioner
- 2.2 of employment and economic development must develop an application and program
- 2.3 materials for child care businesses seeking access to the business management solutions
- 2.4 and must distribute licenses to the product to applicants. Among comparable proposals, the
- 2.5 commissioner must prioritize businesses providing family child care.