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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance
See HF5237

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying provisions for early childhood program
1.3 appropriations; amending Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivisions 6, 24.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **Head Start program.** (a) For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes,
1.7 section 119A.52:

1.8 \$ 35,100,000 2024

1.9 \$ 35,100,000 2025

1.10 (b) Up to two percent of the appropriation is available for administration.

1.11 ~~(b)~~ (c) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.

1.12 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 20, subdivision 24, is amended to read:

1.13 Subd. 24. **Early childhood curriculum grants.** (a) For competitive grants to Minnesota
1.14 postsecondary institutions to improve the curricula of the recipient institution's early
1.15 childhood education programs by incorporating or conforming to the Minnesota knowledge
1.16 and competency frameworks for early childhood professionals:

1.17 \$ 250,000 2024

1.18 \$ 250,000 2025

1.19 (b) By December 1, 2024, and again by December 1, 2025, the commissioner must
1.20 submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees
1.21 with jurisdiction over early childhood through grade 12 education and higher education

2.1 finance and policy reporting on grants awarded under this subdivision. The report must
2.2 include the following information for the previous fiscal year:

2.3 (1) the number of grant applications received;

2.4 (2) the criteria applied by the commissioner for evaluating applications;

2.5 (3) the number of grants awarded, grant recipients, and amounts awarded;

2.6 (4) early childhood education curricular reforms proposed by each recipient institution;

2.7 (5) grant outcomes for each recipient institution; and

2.8 (6) other information identified by the commissioner as outcome indicators.

2.9 (c) The commissioner may use no more than three percent of the appropriation under
2.10 this subdivision to administer the grant program.

2.11 (d) This is a onetime appropriation.

2.12 (e) Any balance in the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year.