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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to early childhood education; modifying child care assistance provider  
1.3 rates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 119B.13, subdivision 3a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 119B.13, subdivision 3a, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 3a. **Provider rate differential for accreditation.** A family child care  
1.8 provider or child care center shall be paid a 15 percent differential above the maximum  
1.9 rate established in subdivision 1, up to the actual provider rate, if the provider or center  
1.10 holds a current early childhood development credential, has received a three- or four-star  
1.11 rating on the Parent Aware star rating tool, or is accredited. For a family child care  
1.12 provider, early childhood development credential and accreditation includes an individual  
1.13 who has earned a child development associate degree, a child development associate  
1.14 credential, a diploma in child development from a Minnesota state technical college, or a  
1.15 bachelor's or post baccalaureate degree in early childhood education from an accredited  
1.16 college or university, or who is accredited by the National Association for Family Child  
1.17 Care or the Competency Based Training and Assessment Program. For a child care center,  
1.18 accreditation includes accreditation by the National Association for the Education of  
1.19 Young Children, the Council on Accreditation, the National Early Childhood Program  
1.20 Accreditation, the National School-Age Care Association, or the National Head Start  
1.21 Association Program of Excellence. For Montessori programs, accreditation includes  
1.22 the American Montessori Society, Association of Montessori International-USA, or the  
1.23 National Center for Montessori Education.