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01/25/2021		Introduction and first reading	
		Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy	

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3 1.4	relating to human services; establishing the retaining early educators through attaining incentives now grant program; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. [119B.195] RETAINING EARLY EDUCATORS THROUGH ATTAINING
1.7	INCENTIVES NOW (REETAIN) GRANT PROGRAM.
1.8	Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. The retaining early educators through attaining
1.9	incentives now (REETAIN) grant program is established to provide competitive grants to
1.10	incentivize well-trained child care professionals to remain in the workforce. The overall
1.11	goal of the REETAIN grant program is to create more consistent care for children over time.
1.12	Subd. 2. Administration. The commissioner shall allocate grant money to child care
1.13	resource and referral agencies to administer the REETAIN grant program. Up to ten percent
1.14	of grant money may be used for administration of the grant program.
1.15	Subd. 3. Application. Applicants must apply for the grant program using the forms and
1.16	according to timelines established by the commissioner.
1.17	Subd. 4. Eligibility. (a) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:
1.18	(1) be licensed to provide child care or work for a licensed child care program;
1.19	(2) work directly with children at least 30 hours per week;
1.20	(3) have worked in the applicant's current position for at least 12 months;

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(4) agree	e to work in the appl	icant's current pos	ition for at least 12 mont	hs upon receiving			
a grant under this section;							
<u>(5)</u> have	a career lattice step	o of five or higher	2				
<u>(6) have</u>	a current members	hip with the Minn	esota quality improvem	ent and registry			
<u>tool;</u>							
(7) not be a current teacher education and compensation helps scholarship recipient; and							
<u>(8) meet</u>	any other requirem	ents determined b	by the commissioner.				
<u> </u>	t recipients must sig	gn a contract agree	eing to remain in their cu	arrent position for			
12 months.							
<u>Subd. 5.</u>	Grant awards. Gr	ant awards must b	be made annually and m	ay be made up to			
\$3,500 per r	ecipient. Grant reci	pients may use gr	ant money for program	supplies, training,			
or personal	expenses.						
<u>Subd. 6.</u>	Report. The comm	nissioner must rep	ort annually to the legis	lative committees			
with jurisdie	ction over child car	e on January 1, 20	22, about the number of	f grants awarded			
to recipients	s and outcomes of the	he grant program.					
Sec. 2. <u>A</u>	PROPRIATION;	RETAINING EA	ARLY EDUCATORS 1	HROUGH			
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general func	l to the commission	er of human servic	es for purposes of REET	AIN grants under			
Minnesota S	Statutes, section 119	9B.195. This appr	opriation is in addition t	o federal funding			
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