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# HOUSE FILE No. 2561

## *FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT*

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The bill was read for the first time and Interim introduction, referred to Finance

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*Referred by Chair to Early Childhood Learning Finance Division.*

*Feb/19/2008*

*Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.*

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to early childhood education; modifying grants to early childhood  
1.3 learning and child protection facilities; providing for the site acquisition, design,  
1.4 and construction of the Austin Area Success Center; authorizing the sale and  
1.5 issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.6 2006, section 119A.45.

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

1.8 **ARTICLE 1**  
1.9 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**

1.10 Section 1. **PRIORITIES.**

1.11 The Early Childhood Learning Finance Division of the House Finance Committee  
1.12 ranks article 2 as its first priority and article 3 as its second priority.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.14 **ARTICLE 2**  
1.15 **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND CHILD PROTECTION FACILITIES**

1.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119A.45, is amended to read:

1.17 **119A.45 EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND CHILD PROTECTION**  
1.18 **FACILITIES.**

1.19 Subdivision 1. **Grant authority.** The commissioner may make grants to state  
1.20 agencies and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for early childhood  
1.21 programs, ~~with priority to centers in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage~~  
1.22 ~~of children living in poverty. The commissioner may also make grants to state agencies~~

2.1 ~~and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for crisis nurseries, or~~  
 2.2 parenting time centers. The following requirements apply:

2.3 (a) The facilities must be owned by the state or a political subdivision, but may  
 2.4 be leased under section 16A.695 to organizations that operate the programs. The  
 2.5 commissioner must prescribe the terms and conditions of the leases.

2.6 (b) A grant for an individual facility must not exceed ~~\$200,000~~ \$300,000 for each  
 2.7 program that is housed in the facility, up to a maximum of ~~\$500,000~~ \$750,000 for a  
 2.8 facility that houses three programs or more. Programs include Head Start, ~~early childhood~~  
 2.9 ~~and family education programs~~ School Readiness, Early Childhood Family Education,  
 2.10 licensed child care, and other early childhood intervention programs.

2.11 (c) State appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds.  
 2.12 The matching requirement must apply programwide and not to individual grants.

2.13 Subd. 2. **Grant priority.** (a) The commissioner must give priority to:

2.14 (1) projects in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage of children  
 2.15 living in poverty;

2.16 (2) grants that involve collaboration among sponsors of programs under this section;  
 2.17 and

2.18 (3) grants for programs that utilize Youthbuild under sections 116L.361 to 116L.366  
 2.19 for at least 25 percent of each grant awarded or \$50,000 of the labor portion of the  
 2.20 construction, whichever is less, if:

2.21 (i) the work is appropriate for Youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by the grantee  
 2.22 and the local Youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed;

2.23 (ii) it is demonstrated by Youthbuild that using Youthbuild will not increase the  
 2.24 overall cost of the project; and

2.25 (iii) eligible programs consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver  
 2.26 education and training.

2.27 (b) The commissioner may give priority to:

2.28 (1) projects that collaborate with child care providers, including all-day and  
 2.29 school-age child care programs, special needs care, sick child care, nontraditional  
 2.30 hour care, and programs that include services to refugee and immigrant families. ~~The~~  
 2.31 commissioner may give priority to; and

2.32 (2) grants for programs that will increase their child care workers' wages as a result  
 2.33 of the grant. ~~If there is work that is appropriate for youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by~~  
 2.34 ~~the grantee and the local youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed, and if~~  
 2.35 ~~it is demonstrated by youthbuild that using youthbuild will not increase the overall cost~~  
 2.36 ~~of the project, then priority must be given to grants for programs that utilize youthbuild~~



4.1 \$3,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
4.2 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
4.3 sections 4 to 7.

4.4 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4.5 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

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