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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; directing the commissioner to study child care  
1.3 provider standards; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CHILD CARE PROVIDER STUDY.**

1.6 The commissioner of human services is directed to study the implications of  
1.7 restricting the use of state subsidies in center-based child care to centers meeting state  
1.8 quality standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.175, paragraph (c). By January  
1.9 1, 2008, the commissioner is directed to report back to the chairs of the house and senate  
1.10 committees having jurisdiction over child care providers with a report that includes:

1.11 (1) the likelihood of there being sufficient child care providers meeting the standards;

1.12 (2) the cost to bring providers up to the standards and how this cost would be funded;

1.13 (3) how the standards and the ratings would be communicated to both parents and  
1.14 the general public; and

1.15 (4) a determination whether a similar system could be implemented for

1.16 non-center-based care.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.18 \$..... is appropriated for fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.19 of human services for the purposes of section 1.