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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 education; increasing county connections with licensed family child  
1.3 care providers; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; INCREASED PROVIDER CONNECTIONS.**

1.6 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from  
1.7 the general fund to Hennepin County and \$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal  
1.8 year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to Ramsey County to contract with a  
1.9 nonprofit organization to work with the contracting county and county-based licensed  
1.10 family child care providers to make training and mentoring available to licensed family  
1.11 child care providers and to serve as a conduit for information on family and child  
1.12 care-related resources, consistent with paragraphs (b) and (c). All the appropriations  
1.13 are available until June 30, 2009.

1.14 (b) To (1) improve county contact activities with county-based licensed family child  
1.15 care providers; (2) enhance county social services, public health services, and economic  
1.16 assistance services available to eligible families, parents, and children; and (3) improve  
1.17 the quality of child care through peer support and coaching networks, the nonprofit  
1.18 organization under paragraph (a) must make grants available to interested county-based  
1.19 licensed family child care providers to serve as contacts for children and families using  
1.20 licensed family child care.

1.21 (c) Hennepin and Ramsey Counties must evaluate the effect of increasing contact  
1.22 with county-based licensed family child care providers and report to the early childhood  
1.23 education committees of the legislature by February 15, 2010.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.