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

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; authorizing the sale and issuance of
1.4 state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.5 119A.45.

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

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

1.8 **119A.45 EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING AND CHILD PROTECTION**
1.9 **FACILITIES.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. Grant authority. The commissioner may make grants to state
1.11 agencies and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for early childhood
1.12 programs, ~~with priority to centers in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage~~
1.13 ~~of children living in poverty. The commissioner may also make grants to state agencies~~
1.14 ~~and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for crisis nurseries, or~~
1.15 parenting time centers. The following requirements apply:

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

1.19 (b) A grant for an individual facility must not exceed \$200,000 for each program
1.20 that is housed in the facility, up to a maximum of \$500,000 for a facility that houses three
1.21 programs or more. Programs include Head Start, early childhood and family education
1.22 programs, and other early childhood intervention programs.

1.23 (c) State appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds.
1.24 The matching requirement must apply program wide and not to individual grants.

- 2.1 Subd. 2. **Grant priority.** (a) The commissioner must give priority to:
- 2.2 (1) projects in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage of children
- 2.3 living in poverty;
- 2.4 (2) grants that involve collaboration among sponsors of programs under this section;
- 2.5 and
- 2.6 (3) grants for programs that utilize Youthbuild under sections 116L.361 to 116L.366
- 2.7 for at least 25 percent of each grant awarded or \$50,000, whichever is less, of the labor
- 2.8 portion of the construction, if:
- 2.9 (i) the work is appropriate for Youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by the grantee
- 2.10 and the local Youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed;
- 2.11 (ii) it is demonstrated by Youthbuild that using Youthbuild will not increase the
- 2.12 overall cost of the project; and
- 2.13 (iii) eligible programs consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver
- 2.14 education and training.
- 2.15 (b) The commissioner may give priority to:
- 2.16 (1) projects that collaborate with child care providers, including all-day and
- 2.17 school-age child care programs, special needs care, sick child care, nontraditional
- 2.18 hour care, and programs that include services to refugee and immigrant families. ~~The~~
- 2.19 ~~commissioner may give priority to;~~ and
- 2.20 (2) grants for programs that will increase their child care workers' wages as a result
- 2.21 of the grant. ~~If there is work that is appropriate for youthbuild, as mutually agreed upon by~~
- 2.22 ~~the grantee and the local youthbuild program, considering safety and skills needed, and if~~
- 2.23 ~~it is demonstrated by youthbuild that using youthbuild will not increase the overall cost~~
- 2.24 ~~of the project, then priority must be given to grants for programs that utilize youthbuild~~
- 2.25 ~~under sections 116L.361 to 116L.366 for at least 25 percent of each grant awarded or~~
- 2.26 ~~\$50,000, whichever is less, of the labor portion of the construction. Eligible programs~~
- 2.27 ~~must consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver education and training. State~~
- 2.28 ~~appropriations must be matched on a 50 percent basis with nonstate funds. The matching~~
- 2.29 ~~requirement must apply programwide and not to individual grants.~~

2.30 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING FACILITIES**

2.31 **GRANTS.**

2.32 \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner

2.33 of human services for the early childhood learning and child protection facilities grant

2.34 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 119A.45.

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

3.1 Sec. 3. **BOND SALE.**

3.2 To provide the money appropriated by section 2 from the bond proceeds fund,
3.3 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to
3.4 \$5,000,000 in the manner, on the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
3.5 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
3.6 sections 4 to 7.

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