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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 finance; appropriating money; amending Laws 2007,
1.3 chapter 147, article 2, section 62, subdivision 2; article 19, section 3, subdivision
1.4 4, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.5 124D.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[124D.142] QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM.**

1.8 (a) There is established a quality rating and improvement system based on the
1.9 goal that all of Minnesota's children have access to high-quality early learning and care
1.10 programs in a range of settings that meet the needs of children and their families. Creation
1.11 of a standards-based quality rating and improvement system includes:

1.12 (1) establishing an early care and education framework that improves quality
1.13 opportunities for early learning for all of Minnesota's young children. The framework
1.14 shall be based on the Minnesota quality rating system rating tool and informed by
1.15 evaluation results;

1.16 (2) using the framework as a tool to ensure that publicly funded and regulated early
1.17 learning and care services in both public and private market programs are high quality.
1.18 The state shall establish a plan to link all future state funding to the framework; and

1.19 (3) using the framework to track progress toward statewide access to high-quality
1.20 early learning and care programs, progress toward the number of low-income children
1.21 whose parents can access quality programs, and progress in reducing the number of
1.22 children not fully prepared to enter kindergarten.

1.23 (b) In creating the quality rating and improvement system in paragraph (a), the state
1.24 shall consider the cost of administering and staffing the system and collecting assessment
1.25 and evaluation data.

2.1 (c) Prior to the creation of a statewide quality rating and improvement system in
2.2 paragraph (a), the state shall employ the Minnesota quality rating system rating tool in
2.3 use in fiscal year 2008.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009.

2.5 **Sec. 2. [124D.143] PREKINDERGARTEN FINANCE ALLOWANCES.**

2.6 **Subdivision 1. Early childhood allowance locations.** In fiscal year 2010 and later,
2.7 the commissioners of human services and education shall continue three prekindergarten
2.8 exploratory projects located in the city of St. Paul, Hennepin County, and Blue Earth
2.9 County that are conducted in partnership with the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation
2.10 to promote children's school readiness. In fiscal year 2011 and later, the commissioners of
2.11 human services and education shall establish six additional prekindergarten projects to
2.12 be conducted in partnership with the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation to promote
2.13 children's school readiness. In fiscal year 2011, the additional prekindergarten project sites
2.14 shall be located in Anoka County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, St. Louis County,
2.15 and a consortium of Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne Counties.

2.16 **Subd. 2. Allowance eligibility.** Parents or legal guardians with incomes less than or
2.17 equal to 46 percent of the state median income are eligible to receive allowances to pay for
2.18 their children's education in a quality early education program, in an amount not to exceed
2.19 \$4,000 per child per year. The allowance must be used during the 12 months following
2.20 receipt of the allowance by the claimant for a child who is age 3 or 4 on September 1 to
2.21 pay for services designed to promote school readiness in a quality early care and education
2.22 setting. A claimant may use the allowance to pay fees or charges associated with their
2.23 child's education in a quality early care and education setting. A quality setting is one
2.24 that meets the standards in subdivision 3.

2.25 **Subd. 3. Quality standards.** (a) A quality early care and education setting is any
2.26 service program that receives a three-star or higher quality rating from the Department of
2.27 Human Services under the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation quality rating system
2.28 administered by the Department of Human Services and agrees to accept a prekindergarten
2.29 education allowance to pay for services.

2.30 (b) Until a quality rating and improvement system is established under section
2.31 124D.142, a provider may satisfy the quality rating system requirements and be deemed
2.32 eligible to participate in this program if the provider has received a provisional quality
2.33 rating system approval from either the Department of Human Services or the Department
2.34 of Education.

3.1 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a quality early care and education setting is a
3.2 service program that receives a three-star or higher quality rating based on the quality
3.3 rating and improvement system established according to section 124D.142.

3.4 (d) For the purposes of receiving a provisional quality rating, a child care program or
3.5 provider must be approved by the commissioner of human services and a school-based
3.6 program or a Head Start program must be approved by the commissioner of education.
3.7 Programs and providers must apply for approval in the form and manner prescribed by the
3.8 commissioners. To receive approval, the commissioners must determine that applicants:

3.9 (1) use research-based curricula that are aligned with the education standards
3.10 under section 120B.021, instruction, and child assessment instruments approved by the
3.11 Department of Education and the Department of Human Services, in consultation with
3.12 the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation;

3.13 (2) provide a program of sufficient intensity and duration to improve the school
3.14 readiness of participating children;

3.15 (3) provide opportunities for parent involvement; and

3.16 (4) meet other research-based criteria determined necessary by the commissioners.

3.17 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 only, Head Start
3.18 programs meeting Head Start performance standards and accredited child care centers
3.19 are granted a provisional quality rating for the purposes of receiving a prekindergarten
3.20 allowance under this section.

3.21 (f) A provider deemed eligible to receive a prekindergarten education allowance
3.22 under paragraphs (a) to (d) may use the allowance to enhance services above the current
3.23 quality levels, increase the duration of services provided, or expand the number of children
3.24 to whom services are provided.

3.25 (g) For fiscal years 2010 and 2011 only, when no quality program is available, a
3.26 recipient may direct the prekindergarten allowance to a provider or program for school
3.27 readiness quality improvements that will make the provider or program eligible for a
3.28 quality rating according to the quality rating system. Allowable expenditures that will
3.29 increase the capacity of the provider or program to help children be ready for school
3.30 include purchase of curricula and assessment tools, training on the use of curriculum and
3.31 assessment tools, purchase of materials to improve the learning environment, or other
3.32 expenditures approved by the commissioner of human services for child care providers
3.33 and the commissioner of education for school readiness programs.

3.34 Subd. 4. **Eligibility; applications.** Eligible families must have incomes less than or
3.35 equal to 46 percent of the state median income. Allowances paid to families under this

4.1 program may not be counted as earned income for the purposes of medical assistance,
4.2 MinnesotaCare, MFIP, child care assistance, or Head Start programs.

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

4.4 Sec. 3. Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 2, section 62, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.5 Subd. 2. **Family eligibility.** Parents or legal guardians with incomes less than or
4.6 equal to 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible to receive allowances
4.7 to pay for their children's education in a quality early education program, in an amount
4.8 not to exceed \$4,000 per child per year. The allowance must be used during the 12
4.9 months following receipt of the allowance by the claimant for a child who is age 3 or
4.10 4 on August 31, to pay for services designed to promote school readiness in a quality
4.11 early education setting. A quality program is one that meets the standards in subdivision
4.12 3. The Department of Human Services or the Department of Education may waive the
4.13 restriction that the allowance must be spent within 12 months to ensure that a claimant
4.14 has sufficient time to use the allowance.

4.15 Sec. 4. Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 19, section 3, subdivision 4, as amended by
4.16 Laws 2008, chapter 277, article 5, section 1, and Laws 2008, chapter 363, article 18,
4.17 section 7, is amended to read:

4.18 Subd. 4. **Children and Economic Assistance**
4.19 **Grants**

4.20 The amounts that may be spent from this
4.21 appropriation for each purpose are as follows:

4.22 (a) **MFIP/DWP Grants**

4.23	Appropriations by Fund		
4.24	General	62,069,000	62,405,000
4.25	Federal TANF	75,904,000	80,841,000

4.26 (b) **Support Services Grants**

4.27	Appropriations by Fund		
4.28	General	8,715,000	8,715,000
4.29	Federal TANF	113,429,000	115,902,000

4.30 **TANF Prior Appropriation Cancellation.**

4.31 Notwithstanding Laws 2001, First Special
4.32 Session chapter 9, article 17, section
4.33 2, subdivision 11, paragraph (b), any

5.1 unexpended TANF funds appropriated to the
5.2 commissioner to contract with the Board of
5.3 Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and
5.4 Universities, to provide tuition waivers to
5.5 employees of health care and human service
5.6 providers that are members of qualifying
5.7 consortia operating under Minnesota
5.8 Statutes, sections 116L.10 to 116L.15, must
5.9 cancel at the end of fiscal year 2007.

5.10 **MFIP Pilot Program.** Of the TANF
5.11 appropriation, \$100,000 in fiscal year 2008
5.12 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2009 are for a
5.13 grant to the Stearns-Benton Employment and
5.14 Training Council for the Workforce U pilot
5.15 program. Base level funding for this program
5.16 shall be \$750,000 in 2010 and \$0 in 2011.

5.17 **Supported Work.** (1) Of the TANF
5.18 appropriation, \$5,468,000 in fiscal year 2008
5.19 is for supported work for MFIP participants,
5.20 to be allocated to counties and tribes based
5.21 on the criteria under clauses (2) and (3), and
5.22 is available until expended. Paid transitional
5.23 work experience and other supported
5.24 employment under this rider provides
5.25 a continuum of employment assistance,
5.26 including outreach and recruitment,
5.27 program orientation and intake, testing and
5.28 assessment, job development and marketing,
5.29 preworksite training, supported worksite
5.30 experience, job coaching, and postplacement
5.31 follow-up, in addition to extensive case
5.32 management and referral services.

5.33 (2) A county or tribe is eligible to receive an
5.34 allocation under this rider if:

- 6.1 (i) the county or tribe is not meeting the
6.2 federal work participation rate;
- 6.3 (ii) the county or tribe has participants who
6.4 are required to perform work activities under
6.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J, but are not
6.6 meeting hourly work requirements; and
- 6.7 (iii) the county or tribe has assessed
6.8 participants who have completed six weeks
6.9 of job search or are required to perform
6.10 work activities and are not meeting the
6.11 hourly requirements, and the county or tribe
6.12 has determined that the participant would
6.13 benefit from working in a supported work
6.14 environment.
- 6.15 (3) A county or tribe may also be eligible for
6.16 funds in order to contract for supplemental
6.17 hours of paid work at the participant's child's
6.18 place of education, child care location, or the
6.19 child's physical or mental health treatment
6.20 facility or office. This grant to counties and
6.21 tribes is specifically for MFIP participants
6.22 who need to work up to five hours more
6.23 per week in order to meet the hourly work
6.24 requirement, and the participant's employer
6.25 cannot or will not offer more hours to the
6.26 participant.
- 6.27 **Work Study.** Of the TANF appropriation,
6.28 \$750,000 each year are to the commissioner
6.29 to contract with the Minnesota Office of
6.30 Higher Education for the biennium beginning
6.31 July 1, 2007, for work study grants under
6.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.233,
6.33 specifically for low-income individuals who
6.34 receive assistance under Minnesota Statutes,
6.35 chapter 256J, and for grants to opportunities

7.1 industrialization centers. * (The preceding
 7.2 text beginning "Work Study. Of the TANF
 7.3 appropriation," was indicated as vetoed
 7.4 by the governor.)

7.5 **Integrated Service Projects.** \$2,500,000
 7.6 in fiscal year 2008 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal
 7.7 year 2009 are appropriated from the TANF
 7.8 fund to the commissioner to continue to
 7.9 fund the existing integrated services projects
 7.10 for MFIP families, and if funding allows,
 7.11 additional similar projects.

7.12 **Base Adjustment.** The TANF base for fiscal
 7.13 year 2010 is \$115,902,000 and for fiscal year
 7.14 2011 is \$115,152,000.

7.15 **(c) MFIP Child Care Assistance Grants**

7.16	General	74,654,000	71,951,000
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7.17 **(d) Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Assistance**
 7.18 **Grants**

7.19	General	42,995,000	45,008,000
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7.20 **Base Adjustment.** The general fund base
 7.21 is \$44,881,000 for fiscal year 2010 and
 7.22 \$44,852,000 for fiscal year 2011.

7.23 **At-Home Infant Care Program.** No
 7.24 funding shall be allocated to or spent on
 7.25 the at-home infant care program under
 7.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.035.

7.27 **(e) Child Care Development Grants**

7.28	General	4,390,000	6,390,000
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7.29 **Prekindergarten Exploratory Projects.** Of
 7.30 the general fund appropriation, \$2,000,000
 7.31 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second
 7.32 year are for grants to the city of St. Paul,
 7.33 Hennepin County, and Blue Earth County to

8.1 establish scholarship demonstration projects
 8.2 to be conducted in partnership with the
 8.3 Minnesota Early Learning Foundation to
 8.4 promote children's school readiness. This
 8.5 appropriation is available until ~~June 30, 2009~~
 8.6 expended.

8.7 **Child Care Services Grants.** Of this
 8.8 appropriation, \$250,000 each year are for
 8.9 the purpose of providing child care services
 8.10 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.11 119B.21, subdivision 5. This appropriation
 8.12 is for the 2008-2009 biennium only, and does
 8.13 not increase the base funding.

8.14 **Early Childhood Professional**
 8.15 **Development System.** Of this appropriation,
 8.16 \$250,000 each year are for purposes of the
 8.17 early childhood professional development
 8.18 system, which increases the quality and
 8.19 continuum of professional development
 8.20 opportunities for child care practitioners.
 8.21 This appropriation is for the 2008-2009
 8.22 biennium only, and does not increase the
 8.23 base funding.

8.24 **Base Adjustment.** The general fund base
 8.25 is \$1,515,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
 8.26 and 2011.

8.27 **(f) Child Support Enforcement Grants**

8.28 General	11,038,000	3,705,000
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8.29 **Child Support Enforcement.** \$7,333,000
 8.30 for fiscal year 2008 is to make grants to
 8.31 counties for child support enforcement
 8.32 programs to make up for the loss under the
 8.33 2005 federal Deficit Reduction Act of federal
 8.34 matching funds for federal incentive funds
 8.35 passed on to the counties by the state.

9.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
9.2 2009.

9.3 **(g) Children's Services Grants**

9.4	Appropriations by Fund		
9.5	General	63,647,000	71,147,000
9.6	Health Care Access	250,000	-0-
9.7	TANF	240,000	340,000

9.8 **Grants for Programs Serving Young**

9.9 **Parents.** Of the TANF fund appropriation,
9.10 \$140,000 each year is for a grant to a program
9.11 or programs that provide comprehensive
9.12 services through a private, nonprofit agency
9.13 to young parents in Hennepin County who
9.14 have dropped out of school and are receiving
9.15 public assistance. The program administrator
9.16 shall report annually to the commissioner on
9.17 skills development, education, job training,
9.18 and job placement outcomes for program
9.19 participants.

9.20 **County Allocations for Rate Increases.**

9.21 County Children and Community Services
9.22 Act allocations shall be increased by
9.23 \$197,000 effective October 1, 2007, and
9.24 \$696,000 effective October 1, 2008, to help
9.25 counties pay for the rate adjustments to
9.26 day training and habilitation providers for
9.27 participants paid by county social service
9.28 funds. Notwithstanding the provisions of
9.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 256M.40, the
9.30 allocation to a county shall be based on
9.31 the county's proportion of social services
9.32 spending for day training and habilitation
9.33 services as determined in the most recent
9.34 social services expenditure and grant
9.35 reconciliation report.

10.1 **Privatized Adoption Grants.** Federal
10.2 reimbursement for privatized adoption grant
10.3 and foster care recruitment grant expenditures
10.4 is appropriated to the commissioner for
10.5 adoption grants and foster care and adoption
10.6 administrative purposes.

10.7 **Adoption Assistance Incentive Grants.**
10.8 Federal funds available during fiscal year
10.9 2008 and fiscal year 2009 for the adoption
10.10 incentive grants are appropriated to the
10.11 commissioner for these purposes.

10.12 **Adoption Assistance and Relative Custody**
10.13 **Assistance.** The commissioner may transfer
10.14 unencumbered appropriation balances for
10.15 adoption assistance and relative custody
10.16 assistance between fiscal years and between
10.17 programs.

10.18 **Children's Mental Health Grants.** Of the
10.19 general fund appropriation, \$5,913,000 in
10.20 fiscal year 2008 and \$6,825,000 in fiscal year
10.21 2009 are for children's mental health grants.
10.22 The purpose of these grants is to increase and
10.23 maintain the state's children's mental health
10.24 service capacity, especially for school-based
10.25 mental health services. The commissioner
10.26 shall require grantees to utilize all available
10.27 third party reimbursement sources as a
10.28 condition of using state grant funds. At
10.29 least 15 percent of these funds shall be
10.30 used to encourage efficiencies through early
10.31 intervention services. At least another 15
10.32 percent shall be used to provide respite care
10.33 services for children with severe emotional
10.34 disturbance at risk of out-of-home placement.

11.1 **Mental Health Crisis Services.** Of the
11.2 general fund appropriation, \$2,528,000 in
11.3 fiscal year 2008 and \$2,850,000 in fiscal year
11.4 2009 are for statewide funding of children's
11.5 mental health crisis services. Providers must
11.6 utilize all available funding streams.

11.7 **Children's Mental Health Evidence-Based
11.8 and Best Practices.** Of the general fund
11.9 appropriation, \$375,000 in fiscal year 2008
11.10 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2009 are for
11.11 children's mental health evidence-based and
11.12 best practices including, but not limited
11.13 to: Adolescent Integrated Dual Diagnosis
11.14 Treatment services; school-based mental
11.15 health services; co-location of mental
11.16 health and physical health care, and; the
11.17 use of technological resources to better
11.18 inform diagnosis and development of
11.19 treatment plan development by mental
11.20 health professionals. The commissioner
11.21 shall require grantees to utilize all available
11.22 third-party reimbursement sources as a
11.23 condition of using state grant funds.

11.24 **Culturally Specific Mental Health
11.25 Treatment Grants.** Of the general fund
11.26 appropriation, \$75,000 in fiscal year 2008
11.27 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2009 are for
11.28 children's mental health grants to support
11.29 increased availability of mental health
11.30 services for persons from cultural and
11.31 ethnic minorities within the state. The
11.32 commissioner shall use at least 20 percent
11.33 of these funds to help members of cultural
11.34 and ethnic minority communities to become
11.35 qualified mental health professionals and
11.36 practitioners. The commissioner shall assist

12.1 grantees to meet third-party credentialing
12.2 requirements and require them to utilize all
12.3 available third-party reimbursement sources
12.4 as a condition of using state grant funds.

12.5 **Mental Health Services for Children with**
12.6 **Special Treatment Needs.** Of the general
12.7 fund appropriation, \$50,000 in fiscal year
12.8 2008 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2009 are
12.9 for children's mental health grants to support
12.10 increased availability of mental health
12.11 services for children with special treatment
12.12 needs. These shall include, but not be limited
12.13 to: victims of trauma, including children
12.14 subjected to abuse or neglect, veterans and
12.15 their families, and refugee populations;
12.16 persons with complex treatment needs, such
12.17 as eating disorders; and those with low
12.18 incidence disorders.

12.19 **MFIP and Children's Mental Health**
12.20 **Pilot Project.** Of the TANF appropriation,
12.21 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$200,000
12.22 in fiscal year 2009 are to fund the MFIP
12.23 and children's mental health pilot project.
12.24 Of these amounts, up to \$100,000 may be
12.25 expended on evaluation of this pilot.

12.26 **Prenatal Alcohol or Drug Use.** Of the
12.27 general fund appropriation, \$75,000 each
12.28 year is to award grants beginning July 1,
12.29 2007, to programs that provide services
12.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 254A.171,
12.31 in Pine, Kanabec, and Carlton Counties. This
12.32 appropriation shall become part of the base
12.33 appropriation.

13.1 **Base Adjustment.** The general fund base
 13.2 is \$62,572,000 in fiscal year 2010 and
 13.3 \$62,575,000 in fiscal year 2011.

13.4 **(h) Children and Community Services Grants**

13.5	General	101,369,000	69,208,000
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13.6 **Base Adjustment.** The general fund base
 13.7 is \$69,274,000 in each of fiscal years 2010
 13.8 and 2011.

13.9 **Targeted Case Management Temporary**

13.10 **Funding.** (a) Of the general fund
 13.11 appropriation, \$32,667,000 in fiscal year
 13.12 2008 is transferred to the targeted case
 13.13 management contingency reserve account in
 13.14 the general fund to be allocated to counties
 13.15 and tribes affected by reductions in targeted
 13.16 case management federal Medicaid revenue
 13.17 as a result of the provisions in the federal
 13.18 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Public Law
 13.19 109-171.

13.20 (b) Contingent upon (1) publication by the
 13.21 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 13.22 Services of final regulations implementing
 13.23 the targeted case management provisions
 13.24 of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of
 13.25 2005, Public Law 109-171, or (2) the
 13.26 issuance of a finding by the Centers for
 13.27 Medicare and Medicaid Services of federal
 13.28 Medicaid overpayments for targeted case
 13.29 management expenditures, up to \$32,667,000
 13.30 is appropriated to the commissioner of human
 13.31 services. Prior to distribution of funds, the
 13.32 commissioner shall estimate and certify the
 13.33 amount by which the federal regulations or
 13.34 federal disallowance will reduce targeted

14.1 case management Medicaid revenue over the
14.2 2008-2009 biennium.

14.3 (c) Within 60 days of a contingency described
14.4 in paragraph (b), the commissioner shall
14.5 distribute the grants proportionate to each
14.6 affected county or tribe's targeted case
14.7 management federal earnings for calendar
14.8 year 2005, not to exceed the lower of (1) the
14.9 amount of the estimated reduction in federal
14.10 revenue or (2) \$32,667,000.

14.11 (d) These funds are available in either year of
14.12 the biennium. Counties and tribes shall use
14.13 these funds to pay for social service-related
14.14 costs, but the funds are not subject to
14.15 provisions of the Children and Community
14.16 Services Act grant under Minnesota Statutes,
14.17 chapter 256M.

14.18 (e) This appropriation shall be available to
14.19 pay counties and tribes for expenses incurred
14.20 on or after July 1, 2007. The appropriation
14.21 shall be available until expended.

14.22 **(i) General Assistance Grants**

14.23 General 37,876,000 38,253,000

14.24 **General Assistance Standard.** The
14.25 commissioner shall set the monthly standard
14.26 of assistance for general assistance units
14.27 consisting of an adult recipient who is
14.28 childless and unmarried or living apart
14.29 from parents or a legal guardian at \$203.
14.30 The commissioner may reduce this amount
14.31 according to Laws 1997, chapter 85, article
14.32 3, section 54.

14.33 **Emergency General Assistance.** The
14.34 amount appropriated for emergency general

15.1 assistance funds is limited to no more
 15.2 than \$7,889,812 in fiscal year 2008 and
 15.3 \$7,889,812 in fiscal year 2009. Funds
 15.4 to counties must be allocated by the
 15.5 commissioner using the allocation method
 15.6 specified in Minnesota Statutes, section
 15.7 256D.06.

15.8 **(j) Minnesota Supplemental Aid Grants**

15.9	General	30,505,000	30,812,000
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15.10 **Emergency Minnesota Supplemental**

15.11 **Aid Funds.** The amount appropriated for
 15.12 emergency Minnesota supplemental aid
 15.13 funds is limited to no more than \$1,100,000
 15.14 in fiscal year 2008 and \$1,100,000 in fiscal
 15.15 year 2009. Funds to counties must be
 15.16 allocated by the commissioner using the
 15.17 allocation method specified in Minnesota
 15.18 Statutes, section 256D.46.

15.19 **(k) Group Residential Housing Grants**

15.20	General	91,069,000	98,671,000
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15.21 **People Incorporated.** Of the general fund
 15.22 appropriation, \$460,000 each year is to
 15.23 augment community support and mental
 15.24 health services provided to individuals
 15.25 residing in facilities under Minnesota
 15.26 Statutes, section 256I.05, subdivision 1m.

15.27 **(l) Other Children and Economic Assistance**
 15.28 **Grants**

15.29	General	20,183,000	16,333,000
15.30	Federal TANF	1,500,000	1,500,000

15.31 **Base Adjustment.** The general fund base
 15.32 shall be \$16,033,000 in fiscal year 2010 and
 15.33 \$15,533,000 in fiscal year 2011. The TANF

16.1 base shall be \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2010
16.2 and \$1,181,000 in fiscal year 2011.

16.3 **Homeless and Runaway Youth.** Of the
16.4 general fund appropriation, \$500,000 each
16.5 year are for the Runaway and Homeless
16.6 Youth Act under Minnesota Statutes, section
16.7 256K.45. Funds shall be spent in each area
16.8 of the continuum of care to ensure that
16.9 programs are meeting the greatest need. This
16.10 is a onetime appropriation.

16.11 **Long-Term Homelessness.** Of the general
16.12 fund appropriation, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year
16.13 2008 is for implementation of programs
16.14 to address long-term homelessness and is
16.15 available in either year of the biennium. This
16.16 is a onetime appropriation.

16.17 **Minnesota Community Action Grants.** (a)
16.18 Of the general fund appropriation, \$250,000
16.19 each year is for the purposes of Minnesota
16.20 community action grants under Minnesota
16.21 Statutes, sections 256E.30 to 256E.32. This
16.22 is a onetime appropriation.

16.23 (b) Of the TANF appropriation, \$1,500,000
16.24 each year is for community action agencies
16.25 for auto repairs, auto loans, and auto
16.26 purchase grants to individuals who are
16.27 eligible to receive benefits under Minnesota
16.28 Statutes, chapter 256J, or who have lost
16.29 eligibility for benefits under Minnesota
16.30 Statutes, chapter 256J, due to earnings in the
16.31 prior 12 months. Base level funding for this
16.32 activity shall be \$1,500,000 in fiscal year
16.33 2010 and \$1,181,000 in fiscal year 2011. *
16.34 **(The preceding text beginning "(b) Of the**

17.1 **TANF appropriation," was indicated as**
 17.2 **vetoed by the governor.)**
 17.3 (c) Money appropriated under paragraphs (a)
 17.4 and (b) that is not spent in the first year does
 17.5 not cancel but is available for the second
 17.6 year.

17.7 **Sec. 5. APPROPRIATION.**

17.8 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
 17.9 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
 17.10 designated.

17.11 Subd. 2. Prekindergarten finance allowances. For grants to prekindergarten
 17.12 exploratory projects under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.143:

17.13	\$	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2010</u>
17.14	\$	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2011</u>

17.15 In fiscal year 2010, this appropriation is for grants to the city of St. Paul, Hennepin
 17.16 County, and Blue Earth County for scholarship projects in collaboration with the
 17.17 Minnesota Early Learning Foundation to promote children's school readiness. In fiscal
 17.18 year 2011, this appropriation is for grants to the city of St. Paul, Hennepin County, Blue
 17.19 Earth County, Anoka County, Olmsted County, Otter Tail County, St. Louis County, and a
 17.20 consortium of Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne Counties. The appropriation is available
 17.21 until expended. This appropriation is part of the base budget for subsequent fiscal years.