OVERVIEW: Section 9C.9 of S.L. 2021-180 allocates $20 million in nonrecurring funds to the Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services, to provide grants for child care facilities and NC Pre-K classrooms in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants are one-time awards to assist with start-up costs associated with establishing a new NC Pre-K classroom or child care facility, quality improvements for existing NC Pre-K classrooms or child care facilities that increase the classroom or facility's capacity or upgrade its star rating, and capital improvements or renovations.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.