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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to early childhood; requiring contracts for mixed delivery of services in
1.3 the voluntary prekindergarten program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section
1.4 124D.151, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.151, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Mixed delivery of services.** (a) A district or charter school ~~may~~ must contract
1.8 with a charter school, Head Start or child care centers, family child care programs licensed
1.9 under section 245A.03, or a community-based organization to provide eligible children with
1.10 developmentally appropriate services that meet the program requirements in subdivision 2.
1.11 Components of a mixed-delivery plan include strategies for recruitment, contracting, and
1.12 monitoring of fiscal compliance and program quality.

1.13 (b) To be eligible to contract with a district or charter school under paragraph (a), a
1.14 program must have a three- or four-star Parent Aware rating, and must agree to provide the
1.15 district or charter school with information relating to subdivision 2, paragraph (c). A district
1.16 or charter school is not required to contract with a program under paragraph (a) if there is
1.17 no eligible program within the geographic school district location. A program must apply
1.18 to a district or charter school to contract under paragraph (a) by October 1 of each year. The
1.19 district or charter school must approve or disapprove an application to contract for the
1.20 provision of mixed delivery of services by November 15 of each year.

1.21 (c) The district or charter school must offer parents of children eligible to enroll in
1.22 voluntary prekindergarten the option to enroll in any program offered under paragraph (a).

2.1 (d) By September 1 of each year, the commissioner of education must notify each district
2.2 or charter school of the estimated number of voluntary prekindergarten pupils and the
2.3 estimated amount of aid per pupil the district received under subdivision 5 for the previous
2.4 school year, and post this information on the Department of Education's Web site. Under a
2.5 contract between a district or charter school and other program for the provision of mixed
2.6 delivery of services under paragraph (a), a district or charter school must:

2.7 (1) pay the program for each pupil served on the same per pupil basis as the district or
2.8 charter school received the previous school year; and

2.9 (2) contract for services to at least 40 percent of the pupils served the previous year, or
2.10 the number of pupils the program has the capacity to serve, whichever is higher, subject to
2.11 parent choice under paragraph (c).

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2018-2019 school year and later.