

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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02/02/2017		Introduction and first reading Referred to E-12 Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing appropriations for school readiness  
1.3 programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.16, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Amount of aid.** (a) A district is eligible to receive school readiness aid for  
1.7 eligible prekindergarten pupils enrolled in a school readiness program under section 124D.15  
1.8 if the biennial plan required by section 124D.15, subdivision 3a, has been approved by the  
1.9 commissioner.

1.10 (b) A district must receive school readiness aid equal to:

1.11 (1) the number of four-year-old children in the district on October 1 for the previous  
1.12 school year times the ratio of 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to the  
1.13 total number of four-year-old children reported to the commissioner for the previous school  
1.14 year; plus

1.15 (2) the number of pupils enrolled in the school district from families eligible for the free  
1.16 or reduced school lunch program for the previous school year times the ratio of 50 percent  
1.17 of the total school readiness aid for that year to the total number of pupils in the state from  
1.18 families eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program for the previous school year.

1.19 (c) The total school readiness aid entitlement equals \$23,558,000 for fiscal year 2016  
1.20 ~~and~~, \$33,683,000 for fiscal year 2017, and \$63,683,000 for fiscal year 2018 and later.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2018 and later.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

2.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
2.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years  
2.4 designated.

2.5 Subd. 2. School readiness. For revenue for school readiness programs under Minnesota  
2.6 Statutes, sections 124D.15 and 124D.16:

2.7 \$ ..... 2018

2.8 \$ ..... 2019

2.9 The 2018 appropriation includes \$..... for 2017 and \$..... for 2018.

2.10 The 2019 appropriation includes \$..... for 2018 and \$..... for 2019.