

**Subject** Expanding school-age care programs to preschoolers

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## Overview

Under current law, a school district may offer a school-age care program for children in kindergarten through grade six. The school-age care program is operated as part of the district's community education program. A school-age care program must provide supervised activities during non school hours. Programs are primarily funded through participant fees on a sliding-fee scale based on family income.

A school district's school-age care revenue equals the cost of providing the school-age services to children with disabilities or other children experiencing temporary family or related problems. School-age care is an equalized aid and levy, with the equalizing factor set at \$2,381.

H.F. 3721 expands revenue for school-age care programs by expanding the age range of reimbursable services to include students in preschool. The bill also increases the equalizing factor so that, on a statewide basis, the increase in revenue is paid for in state aid.

## Summary

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1	<b>Preschool care.</b>
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	Allows a school district to offer a preschool care program for the portion of the day a child is not enrolled in a school-based preschool program, if the district also offers to children 33 months or older either a licensed child care program or preschool programming. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.
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2	<p><b>Uses of general revenue.</b></p> <p>Provides that general community education revenue may be used for the preschool care program established under section 1 of the bill. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.</p>
3	<p><b>School-age care revenue.</b></p> <p>Increases the school-age care program's equalizing factor from \$2,318 to \$16,476. This increases the state aid in the school-age care program such that the revenue change in section 1 is paid for through state aid and not through a levy increase. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.</p>



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