

Subject Voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs

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Summary

This bill modifies the voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) and school readiness plus (SRP) programs. Both programs provide early education services to children who are at least four years old but not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

Under current law, the number of funded seats in the VPK and SRP programs is set to drop from 7,160 to 3,160 after fiscal year 2021. This bill would retain the 7,160 funded seats for the two programs in fiscal year 2022 and onward. The state aid cost of this change is estimated at \$39.7 million for fiscal years 2022-2023 and \$42.0 million for fiscal years 2024-2025.