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## Overview

School districts and charter schools may offer programs for prekindergarten students through a number of different programs. Ongoing funding sources for these school-operated programs include pathway II Early Learning Scholarships, School Readiness, and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK). The 2017 Legislature provided funding for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 only for the School Readiness Plus Program. The VPK and School Readiness Plus Programs encourage the schools to use a mixed delivery system to provide services to prekindergarten students.

H.F. 3870 requires that for any increased number of prekindergarten students served above current levels, at least 40 percent of the prekindergarten students must be served through a mixed delivery model. A mixed delivery system is provided through a contract with a three- or four-star Parent Aware rated program operated by a charter school, Head Start center, child care center, licensed family care, or community-based organization.

### Section

- 1 Voluntary prekindergarten program.** For fiscal years 2020 and later, requires a school district or charter school increasing the number of children served by its voluntary prekindergarten program or school readiness plus program (if school readiness plus is reauthorized) to use a mixed delivery model for the delivery of services to at least 40 percent of the increased number of children served.

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- 2**      **Mixed delivery of services.** For fiscal year 2019 only, requires a school district or charter school increasing the number of children served by its voluntary prekindergarten or school readiness plus programs over the number authorized as of March 15, 2018, to use a mixed delivery model for the delivery of services to at least 40 percent of the increased number of children served.