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Overview

Minnesota provides half-day funding for most school district kindergarten programs. This is accomplished by setting the pupil weighting for kindergarten students at .557. The state also provides \$7 million a year for full-day kindergarten through the first grade preparedness program. These funds are distributed to school buildings based on their relative percent of students eligible for free and reduced price meals. Depending on the mechanics of its implementation, providing full-day kindergarten statewide would cost between \$120 million and \$150 million per year.

H.F. 578 requests a grant of \$140,000 a year to provide full-day kindergarten in the South St. Paul school district.

Section

- 1 **Full-day kindergarten grant.** Appropriates \$140,000 in each year of the biennium to the commissioner of children, families, and learning for a grant to special school district No. 6, South St. Paul, for the operation of a full-day kindergarten program.