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### Overview

This bill modifies the school readiness aid formula, establishes a reserve account, and appropriates money. School Readiness programs provide opportunities to children who have been identified through early childhood screening to participate in child development programs that promote future success in school.

#### Section

- 1 **Amount of aid.** Modifies the school readiness aid formula for fiscal years 2002 and beyond.
- 2 **Aid guarantee.** Establishes an aid guarantee for the school readiness aid for the free or reduced lunch program. Prohibits districts from receiving less aid than the amount of aid received in fiscal year 2001.
- 3 **Use of aid.** Requires aid used for instruction to be targeted to children identified as being developmentally disadvantaged or experiencing risk factors that could impede their school readiness.
- 4 **Reserve account.** Requires school readiness revenue, including aids, fees, grants, and all other revenues, to be maintained in a separate reserve account within the community service fund.
- 5 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$10.8 million in fiscal year 2002 and \$10.9 million in fiscal year 2003 from the general fund to CFL for school readiness aid.
- 6 **Repealer.** Repeals a subdivision requiring school readiness aid to be deposited in a separate account within the community education fund.
- 7 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 5 effective July 1, 2001.