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## Bill Summary =

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## **Overview**

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten entrance. The program is offered through Minnesota public schools. ECFE's goal is to enhance the ability of all parents to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth.

This bill increases funding for ECFE, increases the minimum population guarantee used to calculate ECFE revenue, and increases the revenue for the home visiting ECFE program.

## **Section**

- **Revenue.** Amends § 124D.135, subd. 1. Increases the funding for ECFE and also increases the minimum population guarantee from 150 to 180. Makes this section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.
- **Home visiting levy.** Amends § 124D.135, subd. 6. Increases the levy amount from \$1.60 to \$2 times the number of people under five years of age residing in the district on September 1 of the last school year. Makes this section effective for taxes payable in 2008.