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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill increases state aid for developmental screening.

School districts are required to provide developmental screening for children before they start school, targeting children who are between three and five years old. A screening program must include:

- 4 a developmental assessment;
- 4 a hearing and vision screening or referral;
- 4 an immunization review and referral;
- 4 child's height and weight; and
- 4 an identification of risk factors that may influence learning and referral.

Optional screening components include:

- 4 nutritional, physical, and dental assessments;
- 4 review of family circumstances that affect development; and
- 4 laboratory tests, blood tests, and health history.

All students must be screened prior to enrollment in a public school unless the child's parent provides a signed statement of conscientiously held beliefs against screening. A student may be screened by a school district, or by a public or private health care provider.

**Section**

- 1**      **Developmental screening aid.** Amends § 121A.19. Increases the amount of state aid for each child or student screened. Makes this section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.