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Bill Summary

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Overview

School Readiness is a public school program open to Minnesota children age 3 years to kindergarten enrollment. Usually, children are identified to participate in the program through Early Childhood Screening. School districts offer early childhood education programs and services unique to the needs of children and the resources in their communities. The goal of School Readiness is to help preschoolers enter school with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful in future learning.

This bill increases state aid for school readiness programs.

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1 **Amount of aid.** Amends § 124D.16, subd. 2. Specifies that for fiscal year 2008 and later, the total statewide school readiness aid entitlement equals \$20 million. In fiscal year 2007, the appropriation for school readiness aid was \$9.02 million. Makes this section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.

2 **Appropriation.**

Subd. 1. Department of Education. Specifies that the sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. School readiness aid. Appropriates \$18.902 million in fiscal year 2008 and \$20 million in fiscal year 2009 for school readiness aid. Specifies that the 2008

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appropriation includes \$902,000 for fiscal year 2007 and \$18 million for fiscal year 2008. Specifies that the 2009 appropriation includes \$2 million for fiscal year 2008 and \$18 million for fiscal year 2009.