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Overview

This bill contains the governor's early childhood education policy and technical provisions.

Section

- 1** **Early childhood health and development screening; purpose.** Amends § 121A.16. Requires charter schools that elect to provide a screening program to comply with the requirements of the early childhood health and development screening program.
- 2** **Developmental screening program information.** Amends § 121A.17, subd. 5. Requires charter schools that provide screening to inform families that apply for admission to the charter school.
- 3** **Federal, state, and local requirements.** Amends § 124D.10, subd. 8. Requires charter schools that provide early childhood health and developmental screening to comply with the requirements of the program.
- 4** **Early learning and care system.** Creates § 124D.145. Defines the early learning and care system. Specifies that the system is delivered through a variety of public and private child care, preschool, Head Start, and school-based programs and services.
- 5** **Program requirements.** Amends § 124D.15, subd. 3. Modifies school readiness program requirements by removing the requirement to arrange for early childhood screening and appropriate referral.
- 6** **Eligibility.** Amends § 124D.15, by adding subd. 15. Specifies eligibility requirements for children to participate in school readiness programs. Allows children who do not meet the eligibility requirements to participate in a school readiness program on a fee-for-service basis.
- 7** **Uses of general revenue.** Amends § 124D.20, subd. 8. Allows general community

education revenue to be used for school readiness programs. Makes technical changes.