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Overview

This bill modifies the membership and duties of the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care.

Section

- 1** **Membership; duties.** Amends § 124D.141, subd. 1. Adds the commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee, to the membership of the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 2** **Additional duties.** Amends § 124D.141, subd. 2. Modifies the duties of the council by adding a requirement that the council make recommendations to the governor and the legislature on how to screen earlier and comprehensively assess children for school readiness. Lists items the council shall consider in making the recommendations. Allows the council to survey early childhood education and care programs to determine the screening and assessment tools being used or to rely on previously collected survey data, if available. For purposes of this subdivision, defines "school readiness," "screening," and "assessment." Specifies that any costs incurred by the council in making these recommendations will be paid from private funds. Requires the council to report its recommendations to the governor and the legislature by January 15, 2012, with an interim report on February 15, 2011.