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Overview

This bill modifies some of the requirements related to the distribution of state funds for the Head Start program.

Head Start is primarily a federally funded program designed to provide a comprehensive family-oriented program that improves school readiness and social competence of children from low-income families. State funds were first appropriated for Head Start programs in fiscal year 1989.

Head Start funds do not flow to school districts but instead to the community organizations that are the grantees. In Minnesota, the most common type of grantee is a community action agency.

Section

- 1 Distribution of appropriation.** Amends § 119A.52. Sets an Early Head Start rate for all programs without a federal rate. Removes a requirement that the commissioner notify programs of the number of low-income children to be served with their state allocation based on the federally funded per child rate.