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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota students may attend a school in another state and students from other states may attend school in Minnesota under certain conditions. Minnesota statutes (see section 124D.041) authorizes the commissioner of education to enter into tuition reciprocity agreements with neighboring states. At present, Minnesota has K-12 tuition reciprocity agreements with the states of South Dakota and Iowa.

The tuition reciprocity agreements allow students enrolled in school districts that border the other state to enroll in school districts on the other side of the border. The tuition agreements do not provide authority to enroll a student before kindergarten.

This bill is designed to provide a mechanism to allow a Minnesota school district to enroll certain students from another state prior to kindergarten and qualifies the same group of students for eligibility in Minnesota's early learning scholarship program. The students the bill applies to are those who live in another state but are assigned a Minnesota postal address for their residence.

Section

- 1 Developmental screening program information.** Allows a Minnesota school district to inform the family of a child who has a Minnesota postal address of the availability of Minnesota's developmental screening program.

Section

- 2 **Agreements; Tuition Reciprocity with neighboring states.** Explicitly allows the commissioner of education to renegotiate K-12 tuition reciprocity provisions with other states allowing enrollment before kindergarten for early special educational services.
- 3 **Pupil accounting.** Designates a child from another state whose family resides in a home with a Minnesota postal address to enroll in school before the age of kindergarten, and counts that student as enrolled if the student is receiving early childhood special education services from a Minnesota school district.
- 4 **Family eligibility; early learning scholarships.** Makes a child from an adjoining state whose family has a Minnesota postal address and who has participated in Minnesota's developmental screening program eligible for an early learning scholarship.
- 5 **Special instruction for children with a disability.** Authorizes a Minnesota school board that participates in the K-12 tuition reciprocity program to enroll and provide special instruction and services to a child from an adjoining state whose family resides at a Minnesota postal address. Requires these children to participate in Minnesota's developmental screening program and to have undergone special education child identification procedures.