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### Overview

A school district or group of school districts may establish a school readiness program to enable children to enter school with the necessary skills and behavior to succeed. A child may participate in a school readiness program if the child is at least three years old and has undergone developmental screening. Districts may establish a sliding fee for school readiness programs. Fees must be waived for participants who are unable to pay.

The total state aid for school readiness is \$33,683,000 for fiscal years 2017 and later. The aid is divided into two equal portions, the first portion is distributed to school districts based on each district's percent of the statewide total number of four year old children who live in the school district (currently \$230 per resident four year old). The second half of the funding is distributed based on the school district's portion of the statewide total number of free and reduced lunch students (currently \$57 per free or reduced price meal eligible student in the district).

HF 1684 increases the school readiness appropriation by \$30 million per year distributed according to the existing formulas.

#### Section

- 1 Amount of aid; school readiness.** Increases the school readiness aid for each school district by increasing the program's annual funding from \$33,683,000 to \$63,683,000.
- 2 Appropriation; school readiness aid.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of aid for school readiness programs.