

**Subject** Modifications to the kindergarten readiness assessment

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### Overview

This bill directs the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to give a kindergarten readiness assessment to all incoming kindergarteners, and requires that MDE provide school districts and charter schools with a process and measurement tools for assessing incoming kindergarteners. Under current law, districts and charter schools may implement a kindergarten readiness assessment, but they are not required to do so.

### Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Kindergarten readiness assessment.</b>
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Amends §124D.162.

**Subd. 1. Implementation.** Requires MDE to implement a kindergarten readiness assessment to incoming kindergartners. Under current law, school districts and charter schools are permitted, but not required, to implement a kindergarten readiness assessment.

**Subd. 2. Assessment development.** Directs MDE to provide districts and charter schools with a process for measuring kindergarten readiness and to provide measurement tools that meet specified criteria.

**Subd. 3. Reporting.** Requires districts and charter schools to use the MDE-provided process beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, directs districts and charter schools to report kindergarten readiness results to MDE, and directs MDE to publicly report the results.

**Subd. 4. Longitudinal data system.** Requires that MDE integrate the kindergarten readiness data into the statewide longitudinal educational data systems.

Section	Description
2	<b>Appropriation; kindergarten readiness assessment.</b> Appropriates \$2.412 million over the base in fiscal year 2022 and \$1.719 million over the base in fiscal year 2023 to MDE for the kindergarten readiness assessment.



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