

**Subject** Community Education; School-Age Care Revenue

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### **Overview**

A school district may offer a school-age care program for children in kindergarten through grade six. The school-age care program is operated as part of the district's community education program. A school-age care program must provide supervised activities during nonschool hours. Programs are primarily funded through participant fees on a sliding-fee scale based on family income. About one-half of Minnesota's school districts participate in the school-age care program.

A school district's school-age care revenue equals the cost of providing the school age services to children with disabilities or other children experiencing temporary family or related problems. School-age care is an equalized aid and levy, but under current law, the statutory equalizing factor is set so low that only one school district has a tax base low enough to qualify for state aid. The school-age care program's revenue has been growing over time and now totals more than \$26 million in levy authority for the 2022-2023 school year.

H.F. 3485 expands revenue for school-age care programs by expanding the age range of reimbursable services from students in kindergarten through grade 6 to students in prekindergarten through grade 8. The bill also substantially increases the equalizing factor so that, on a statewide basis, the increase in revenue is paid for in state aid.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>School-age care program.</b> Expands the age range of students who generate funding for the school-age care program from students with a disability in grades kindergarten through grade 6 to students with a disability in prekindergarten programs through grade 8.
2	<b>School-age care levy.</b> Increases the school-age care program's equalizing factor from \$2,318 to \$15,747. This increases the state aid in the school-age care program such that the revenue change in section 1 is paid for through state aid and not through a levy increase.



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