

Subject Expanding school-age care programs to preschoolers

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Overview

Under current law, 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.

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, with the equalizing factor set at \$2,381.

H.F. 3721 expands revenue for school-age care programs by expanding the age range of reimbursable services to include students in preschool. The bill also increases the equalizing factor so that, on a statewide basis, the increase in revenue is paid for in state aid.

Summary

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| 1 | School-age care programs.
Allows a school district to offer a school-age care program for children enrolled in the district through grade 6, which would include students in voluntary prekindergarten programs and prekindergarten students receiving early childhood special education (ECSE) services. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later. |
| 2 | School-age care revenue.
Increases the school-age care program's equalizing factor from \$2,318 to \$16,476. This increases the state aid in the school-age care program such that the revenue |

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	change in section 1 is paid for through state aid and not through a levy increase. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.
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