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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; increasing the state aid for school readiness
1.3 programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 124D.16, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.16, subdivision 2, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Amount of aid.** (a) A district is eligible to receive school readiness aid
1.9 for eligible prekindergarten pupils enrolled in a school readiness program under section
1.10 124D.15 if the biennial plan required by section 124D.15, subdivision 3a, has been
1.11 approved by the commissioner.

1.12 (b) ~~For fiscal year 2002 and thereafter,~~ A district must receive school readiness aid
1.13 equal to:

1.14 (1) the number of four-year-old children in the district on October 1 for the previous
1.15 school year times the ratio of 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to
1.16 the total number of four-year-old children reported to the commissioner for the previous
1.17 school year; plus

1.18 (2) the number of pupils enrolled in the school district from families eligible for the
1.19 free or reduced school lunch program for the previous school year times the ratio of
1.20 50 percent of the total school readiness aid for that year to the total number of pupils
1.21 in the state from families eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program for the
1.22 previous school year.

1.23 (c) For fiscal year 2008 and later, total statewide school readiness aid entitlement
1.24 equals \$20,000,000.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2008.

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are
2.4 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
2.5 designated.

2.6 Subd. 2. **School readiness aid.** For the school readiness program under Minnesota
2.7 Statutes, section 124D.16:

2.8	\$	<u>18,902,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2008</u>
2.9	\$	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>

2.10 The 2008 appropriation includes \$902,000 for fiscal year 2007 and \$18,000,000
2.11 for fiscal year 2008.

2.12 The 2009 appropriation includes \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and \$18,000,000
2.13 for fiscal year 2009.