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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring school districts to fully inform parents of
1.3 their ability to refuse an early childhood developmental screening because
1.4 of conscientiously held beliefs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.5 121A.17, subdivision 5.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.17, subdivision 5, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subd. 5. **Developmental screening program information.** The board must inform
1.10 each resident family with a child eligible to participate in the developmental screening
1.11 program about:

1.12 (1) the availability of the program and the state's requirement that a child receive
1.13 a developmental screening or provide health records indicating that the child received a
1.14 comparable developmental screening from a public or private health care organization
1.15 or individual health care provider not later than 30 days after the first day of attending
1.16 kindergarten in a public school; and

1.17 (2) that if a statement signed by the child's parent or guardian is submitted to the
1.18 administrator or other person having general control and supervision of the school that
1.19 the child has not been screened because of conscientiously held beliefs of the parent
1.20 or guardian, the screening is not required.

1.21 A school district must inform all resident families with eligible children under age seven
1.22 that their children may receive a developmental screening conducted either by the school
1.23 district or by a public or private health care organization or individual health care provider.

1.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.