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

03/14/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; expanding school-age care programs; modifying
1.3 school-age care levy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 124D.19,
1.4 subdivision 11; 124D.22, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.19, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. **School-age care programs.** (a) A school board may offer, as part of a
1.8 community education program, a school-age care program for children ~~from kindergarten~~
1.9 enrolled in the district through grade 6 for the purpose of expanding students' learning
1.10 opportunities. If the school board chooses not to offer a school-age care program, it may
1.11 allow an appropriate insured community group, for profit entity or nonprofit organization
1.12 to use available school facilities for the purpose of offering a school-age care program.

1.13 (b) A school-age care program must include the following:

1.14 (1) adult supervised programs while school is not in session;

1.15 (2) parental involvement in program design and direction;

1.16 (3) partnerships with the kindergarten through grade 12 system, and other public, private,
1.17 or nonprofit entities;

1.18 (4) opportunities for trained secondary school pupils to work with younger children in
1.19 a supervised setting as part of a community service program; and

1.20 (5) access to available school facilities, including the gymnasium, sports equipment,
1.21 computer labs, and media centers, when not otherwise in use as part of the operation of the

2.1 school. The school district may establish reasonable rules relating to access to these facilities
2.2 and may require that:

2.3 (i) the organization request access to the facilities and prepare and maintain a schedule
2.4 of proposed use;

2.5 (ii) the organization provide evidence of adequate insurance to cover the activities to be
2.6 conducted in the facilities; and

2.7 (iii) the organization prepare and maintain a plan demonstrating the adequacy and training
2.8 of staff to supervise the use of the facilities.

2.9 (c) The district may charge a sliding fee based upon family income for school-age care
2.10 programs. The district may receive money from other public or private sources for the
2.11 school-age care program. The board of the district must develop standards for school-age
2.12 child care programs. The commissioner of education may not adopt rules for school-age
2.13 care programs.

2.14 (d) The district shall maintain a separate account within the community services fund
2.15 for all funds related to the school-age care program.

2.16 (e) A district is encouraged to coordinate the school-age care program with its special
2.17 education, vocational education, adult basic education, early childhood family education
2.18 programs, kindergarten through grade 12 instruction and curriculum services, youth
2.19 development and youth service agencies, and with related services provided by other
2.20 governmental agencies and nonprofit agencies.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.

2.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.22, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 3. **School-age care levy.** To obtain school-age care revenue, a school district may
2.24 levy an amount equal to the district's school-age care revenue as defined in subdivision 2
2.25 multiplied by the lesser of one, or the ratio of the quotient derived by dividing the adjusted
2.26 net tax capacity of the district for the year before the year the levy is certified by the resident
2.27 pupil units in the district for the school year to which the levy is attributable, to ~~\$2,318~~
2.28 \$16,476.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later.