A bill for an act

relating to education finance; increasing funding for the early childhood family education, school readiness, and Head Start programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.135, subdivision 1; 124D.16, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.135, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Revenue.** The revenue for early childhood family education programs for a school district equals $112 for fiscal year 2007 and $120 for fiscal year 2008 and later, times the greater of:

(1) 150; or

(2) the number of people under five years of age residing in the district on October 1 of the previous school year.

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

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

(c) For fiscal year 2008 and later, the total statewide school readiness aid entitlement equals $10,395,000.

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

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

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

Subd. 2. **Head Start.** For Head Start programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 119.52:

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