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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1806

02/15/2023 Authored by Clardy and Hussein The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; requiring assessment of school readiness for children entering
1.3 kindergarten; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.162.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.162, is amended to read:

1.6 124D.162 KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT.

1.7 The commissioner of education may implement a kindergarten readiness assessment
1.8 representative of incoming kindergartners. The assessment must be based on the Department
1.9 of Education Kindergarten Readiness Assessment at kindergarten entrance study. The
1.10 commissioner of education must provide a process for measuring the kindergarten readiness
1.11 of incoming kindergartners. Districts must choose from a menu of valid and reliable
1.12 measurement instruments approved by the Department of Education that: (1) are aligned
1.13 to the state early childhood indicators of progress and kindergarten standards that are based
1.14 on the Department of Education school readiness study; and (2) meet the world's best
1.15 workforce goal of measuring school readiness. The Department of Education may provide
1.16 technical assistance and professional development to educators and schools if requested by
1.17 school districts.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2024-2025 school year.