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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to education finance; early childhood education; modifying early learning
- 1.3 programs' eligibility to accept scholarships; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
- 1.4 section 124D.165, subdivision 4.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an
- 1.8 early learning scholarship, a program must:
- 1.9 (1) participate in the quality rating and improvement system under section 124D.142;
- 1.10 and
- 1.11 (2) beginning July 1, 2016, have a three- or four-star rating in the quality rating and
- 1.12 improvement system.
- 1.13 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not
- 1.14 supplant federal funding.
- 1.15 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship
- 1.16 program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.
- 1.17 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), beginning September 1, 2017, a qualifying newly
- 1.18 opened program carries the rating of its affiliated program for its first two years of operation.
- 1.19 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying newly opened program" means a program
- 1.20 in its first two years of operation actively pursuing a rating whose on-site director has
- 1.21 managerial experience operating a three- or four-star rated program, and "affiliated program"

- 2.1 means a program with which the newly opened program shares an ownership or management
- 2.2 interest or is otherwise structurally linked.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.