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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying early childhood program eligibility; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.165, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 4. **Early childhood program eligibility.** (a) In order to be eligible to accept an
1.7 early learning scholarship, a program must: ~~(1) participate in the quality rating and~~
1.8 ~~improvement system under section 124D.142; and (2) beginning July 1, 2020, have a three-~~
1.9 ~~or four star rating in the quality rating and improvement system.~~ All programs that participate
1.10 in the Parent Aware rating system, including Building Quality, are eligible to accept early
1.11 learning scholarships.

1.12 (b) Any program accepting scholarships must use the revenue to supplement and not
1.13 supplant federal funding.

1.14 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all Minnesota early learning foundation scholarship
1.15 program pilot sites are eligible to accept an early learning scholarship under this section.