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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; limiting the use of individual-use screens in preschool and

1.3 kindergarten; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.4 Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[124D.166] LIMIT ON SCREEN TIME FOR CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL**

1.7 **AND KINDERGARTEN.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Limit on use.** A child in a publicly funded preschool or kindergarten

1.9 program may not use an individual-use screen, such as a tablet, smartphone, or other digital

1.10 media, without engagement from a teacher or other students.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Parent education.** The Department of Education must contract for the

1.12 production and implementation of a statewide public educational campaign to educate

1.13 parents on the effects of screen use on children. The campaign must inform parents of the

1.14 World Health Organization and American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for screen use

1.15 for children ages zero to five, research on screen use and effects on early childhood brain

1.16 development, the potential risks of excessive screen time impacting mental and physical

1.17 development, and the effects of parental overuse of screens when interacting with children

1.18 under age five.

1.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.20 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of

1.21 education for a statewide public educational campaign to educate parents on the effects of

- 2.1 screen use on children. The contractor producing and implementing the campaign must
- 2.2 provide a private match of \$1 for every \$1 received.