SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

A bill for an act

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1.2 1.3	relating to education finance; creating a school district levy for early learning programs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.5	Section 1. [124D.165] EARLY LEARNING LEVY.
1.6	Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. A school district may establish an
1.7	early learning program. The early learning program may be operated in conjunction
1.8	with the district's early childhood family education program, school readiness program,
1.9	four-year-old kindergarten program, and any other early learning programs. A district
1.10	may operate an independent early learning program or jointly operate the program with
1.11	other providers of early learning programs.
1.12	Subd. 2. Eligibility. An early learning program may provide services to any child
1.13	who qualifies for school readiness eligibility under section 124D.15, subdivision 15.
1.14	Subd. 3. Funding. A school district annually may levy for its early learning
1.15	programs. The levy may not exceed the lesser of the district's actual costs for these
1.16	programs or an amount not to exceed one-half of the general education basic allowance
1.17	under section 126C.10, subdivision 2, times the number of eligible children served by the
1.18	program.
1.19	Subd. 4. Program. An early learning program must, at a minimum, meet the
1.20	program requirements for school readiness under section 124D.15, subdivision 3, and may

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxes payable in 2012 and later.

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provide services according to section 124D.15, subdivision 5.