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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1592

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to early childhood education; allocating a portion of scholarship funds;  
1.3 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 124D.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[124D.165] EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "early childhood scholarship  
1.8 funds" means appropriations to the commissioner for the scholarship program first  
1.9 established under Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 11, article 7, section 2,  
1.10 subdivision 8.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Allocation of funds; diverse cultural programming.** The commissioner  
1.12 shall annually allocate a portion of early childhood scholarship funds solely for use in  
1.13 early childhood education programs that:

1.14 (1) provide early learning experiences in a bicultural, bilingual, or other culturally  
1.15 diverse programming environment; and

1.16 (2) are participating in the quality rating and improvement system under section  
1.17 124D.142.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013.

1.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**  
1.20 **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

1.21 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.22 of education for early childhood education scholarships under Minnesota Statutes, section  
1.23 124D.165, subdivision 2.