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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1676

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; increasing the number of funded participants in the voluntary
1.3 prekindergarten program for fiscal year 2020 and later; appropriating money;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124D.151, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. Participation limits. (a) Notwithstanding section 126C.05, subdivision 1,
1.8 paragraph (d), the pupil units for a voluntary prekindergarten program for an eligible school
1.9 district or charter school must not exceed 60 percent of the kindergarten pupil units for that
1.10 school district or charter school under section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

1.11 (b) In reviewing applications under subdivision 5, the commissioner must limit the
1.12 estimated state aid entitlement approved under this section to \$27,092,000 for fiscal year
1.13 2017. If the actual state aid entitlement based on final data exceeds the limit in any year,
1.14 the aid of the participating districts must be prorated so as not to exceed the limit.

1.15 (e) (b) The commissioner must limit the total number of funded participants in the
1.16 voluntary prekindergarten program under this section to not more than 3,160 7,160.

1.17 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the commissioner must limit the total number of
1.18 participants in the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus programs to not
1.19 more than 6,160 participants for fiscal year 2018 and 7,160 participants for fiscal year 2019.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for revenue in fiscal year 2020 and later.

2.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

2.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are
2.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
2.4 designated.

2.5 Subd. 2. Voluntary prekindergarten program. For the voluntary prekindergarten
2.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.151:

2.7 \$ 2020

2.8 \$ 2021

2.9 The 2020 appropriation includes \$..... for 2019 and \$..... for 2020. The 2021
2.10 appropriation includes \$..... for 2020 and \$..... for 2021.