

S.F. No. 615 – Voluntary Prekindergarten and School Readiness Plus Program Permanent Expansion

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Section 1. Participation Limits. Permanently expands the participation limit of the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus program (VPK/SRP) from 3,160 to 7,160 participants.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Section 2. Pupil Unit. Makes conforming changes to allow for the calculation of VPK/SRP pupil units in fiscal year 2024 and later.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Section 3. Declining Enrollment Revenue. Makes conforming changes to the calculation of declining enrollment revenue.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Section 4. Voluntary Prekindergarten and School Readiness Plus Levy Adjustment.

Subdivision 1. Levy calculation adjustment. Requires the Department of Education (MDE) to calculate each district's certified levies for the year with and without the 4,000 VPK/SRP participants. Requires MDE to provide state aid to districts for the levy amount attributable to the 4,000 VPK/SRP participants.

Subd. 2. Levy certification. Requires MDE to calculate each district's certified levies for the year without the 4,000 VPK/SRP participants.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.

Section 5. Appropriations. Makes an annual appropriation from the general fund for the amounts necessary to implement the expanded voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus program.

Effective Date. Makes the section effective for revenue for fiscal year 2024 and later.