



S.F. No. 1461 – Authorizing school-age care programs to provide services to certain eligible prekindergarten students

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S.F. No. 1461 would authorize a school district to include prekindergarten students who meet certain eligibility criteria in its school-age care programs.

Under current law, a school-age care program may serve students in kindergarten through grade 6. A school district may generate state aid and local property tax authority to pay the additional costs of providing services to children with disabilities or to children experiencing family or related problems of a temporary nature who participate in the program (see [M.S. 124D.22](#)).

The prekindergarten students newly eligible under the bill include:

- (1) children who meet the definition of a “child with a disability” under section 125A.02, subdivision 1 or 1a; and
- (2) children who are experiencing family or related problems of a temporary nature.

Including these categories of prekindergarten students among those eligible to be served in a school-age care program would increase school district revenue authority for districts serving these students.

