

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3646, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 11, line 10, delete "human" and insert "children, youth, and families"

1.3 Page 11, line 11, delete the first "services"

1.4 Page 16, line 15, delete "human services" and insert "children, youth, and families"

1.5 Page 17, delete line 14

1.6 Page 17, line 15, delete "for"

1.7 Page 17, line 16, before the period, insert "is appropriated to the commissioner"

1.8 Page 19, delete section 27

1.9 Page 19, line 27, delete "35" and insert "31"

1.10 Page 20, after line 28, insert:

1.11 "Subd. 4. **Exclusion.** This section does not apply to federal grants or aids received from
1.12 the United States Department of Education."

1.13 Page 27, line 3, delete "human services" and insert "children, youth, and families"

1.14 Page 34, line 5, before "3" insert "2," and delete "3b,"

1.15 Page 36, line 17, after "260E" insert "or section 626.557"

1.16 Page 53, line 3, delete "The sanctions in" and delete "apply" and insert "applies"

1.17 Page 54, after line 30, insert:

1.18 "Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245.814, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 5. **Foster care parent liability insurance.** The commissioner of children, youth,
1.20 and families may use federal reimbursement money earned on an expenditure for foster
1.21 care parent liability insurance premiums to offset the costs of the premiums. The

2.1 commissioner of children, youth, and families and human services will work with the
 2.2 insurance provider to transition coverage and responsibility as appropriate while avoiding
 2.3 a lapse in coverage."

2.4 Page 68, after line 22, insert:

2.5 "Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.012, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.6 to read:

2.7 Subd. 4. Consultation with commissioner of children, youth, and families
 2.8 required. The commissioner must consult with the commissioner of children, youth, and
 2.9 families on the administration of the merit system, including on the requirements in this
 2.10 section."

2.11 Page 74, delete section 65

2.12 Page 96, delete line 23

2.13 Page 133, line 30, delete "245A.06" and insert "142B.16"

2.14 Page 159, line 28, delete "245A.146" and insert "142B.45"

2.15 Page 216, after line 27, insert:

2.16 "Sec. 8 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.135, is amended by adding a subdivision
 2.17 to read:

2.18 Subd. 10. Funding. The commissioner and the commissioner of education shall enter
 2.19 into an agreement under which the commissioner of education shall distribute funds
 2.20 appropriated for programs under this section."

2.21 Page 218, after line 12, insert:

2.22 "Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.151, subdivision 5, is
 2.23 amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 5. **Application process; priority for high poverty schools.** (a) ~~To qualify for~~
 2.25 ~~program approval for fiscal year 2017, a district or charter school must submit an application~~
 2.26 ~~to the commissioner by July 1, 2016. To qualify for program approval for fiscal year 2018~~
 2.27 ~~and later, a district or charter school must submit an application to the commissioner by~~
 2.28 January 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the program will be
 2.29 implemented. The application must include:

3.1 (1) a description of the proposed program, including the number of hours per week the
3.2 program will be offered at each school site or mixed-delivery location;

3.3 (2) an estimate of the number of eligible children to be served in the program at each
3.4 school site or mixed-delivery location; and

3.5 (3) a statement of assurances signed by the superintendent or charter school director that
3.6 the proposed program meets the requirements of subdivision 2.

3.7 (b) The commissioner must review all applications ~~submitted for fiscal year 2017 by~~
3.8 ~~August 1, 2016, and must review all applications submitted for fiscal year 2018 and later~~
3.9 by March 1 of the fiscal year in which the applications are received and determine whether
3.10 each application meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

3.11 (c) The commissioner must divide all applications for new or expanded voluntary
3.12 prekindergarten programs under this section meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) and
3.13 school readiness plus programs into four groups as follows: the Minneapolis and St. Paul
3.14 school districts; other school districts located in the metropolitan equity region as defined
3.15 in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; school districts located in the rural equity region as
3.16 defined in section 126C.10, subdivision 28; and charter schools. Within each group, the
3.17 applications must be ordered by rank using a sliding scale based on the following criteria:

3.18 (1) concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price meals by
3.19 school site on October 1 of the previous school year. A school site may contract to partner
3.20 with a community-based provider or Head Start under subdivision 3 or establish an early
3.21 childhood center and use the concentration of kindergarten students eligible for free or
3.22 reduced-price meals from a specific school site as long as those eligible children are
3.23 prioritized and guaranteed services at the mixed-delivery site or early education center. For
3.24 school district programs to be operated at locations that do not have free and reduced-price
3.25 meals concentration data for kindergarten programs for October 1 of the previous school
3.26 year, including mixed-delivery programs, the school district average concentration of
3.27 kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price meals must be used for the rank
3.28 ordering;

3.29 (2) presence or absence of a three- or four-star Parent Aware rated program within the
3.30 school district or close proximity of the district. School sites with the highest concentration
3.31 of kindergarten students eligible for free or reduced-price meals that do not have a three-
3.32 or four-star Parent Aware program within the district or close proximity of the district shall
3.33 receive the highest priority, and school sites with the lowest concentration of kindergarten
3.34 students eligible for free or reduced-price meals that have a three- or four-star Parent Aware

4.1 rated program within the district or close proximity of the district shall receive the lowest
4.2 priority; and

4.3 (3) whether the district has implemented a mixed delivery system.

4.4 (d) The limit on participation for the programs as specified in subdivision 6 must initially
4.5 be allocated among the four groups based on each group's percentage share of the statewide
4.6 kindergarten enrollment on October 1 of the previous school year. Within each group, the
4.7 participation limit for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 must first be allocated to school sites
4.8 approved for aid in the previous year to ensure that those sites are funded for the same
4.9 number of participants as approved for the previous year. The remainder of the participation
4.10 limit for each group must be allocated among school sites in priority order until that region's
4.11 share of the participation limit is reached. If the participation limit is not reached for all
4.12 groups, the remaining amount must be allocated to the highest priority school sites, as
4.13 designated under this section, not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis. For
4.14 fiscal year 2020 and later, the participation limit must first be allocated to school sites
4.15 approved for aid in fiscal year 2017, and then to school sites approved for aid in fiscal year
4.16 2018 based on the statewide rankings under paragraph (c).

4.17 (e) Once a school site or a mixed delivery site under subdivision 3 is approved for aid
4.18 under this subdivision, it shall remain eligible for aid if it continues to meet program
4.19 requirements, regardless of changes in the concentration of students eligible for free or
4.20 reduced-price meals.

4.21 (f) If the total number of participants approved based on applications submitted under
4.22 paragraph (a) is less than the participation limit under subdivision 6, the commissioner must
4.23 notify all school districts and charter schools of the amount that remains available within
4.24 30 days of the initial application deadline under paragraph (a), and complete a second round
4.25 of allocations based on applications received within 60 days of the initial application deadline.

4.26 (g) Procedures for approving applications submitted under paragraph (f) shall be the
4.27 same as specified in paragraphs (a) to (d), except that the allocations shall be made to the
4.28 highest priority school sites not funded in the initial allocation on a statewide basis.

4.29 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.151, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

4.30 Subd. 7. **Financial accounting.** An eligible school district or charter school must record
4.31 expenditures attributable to voluntary prekindergarten pupils according to guidelines prepared
4.32 by the commissioner of education under section 127A.17.

5.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.151, is amended by adding a subdivision
5.2 to read:

5.3 Subd. 8. **Funding.** The commissioner and the commissioner of education shall enter
5.4 into an agreement under which the commissioner of education shall distribute funds
5.5 appropriated for programs under this section."

5.6 Page 223, after line 15, insert:

5.7 "Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 125A.76, is amended by adding a subdivision
5.8 to read:

5.9 Subd. 9. **Funding.** The commissioner and the commissioner of children, youth, and
5.10 families shall enter into an agreement, upon federal approval, under which the commissioner
5.11 of education shall distribute funds appropriated for programs under this section."

5.12 Page 224, line 27, delete "article .., section 23" and insert "article 4, section 24"

5.13 Page 227, delete section 7

5.14 Page 307, line 9, after the period, insert "The revisor of statutes must consult with
5.15 executive branch agencies that would be affected by the changes when making changes
5.16 pursuant to this section."

5.17 Page 307, line 16, after the period, insert "The revisor of statutes must consult with
5.18 executive branch agencies that would be affected by the changes when making changes
5.19 pursuant to this section."

5.20 Page 308, line 1, after "act" insert "or programs to be transferred"

5.21 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

5.22 Amend the title accordingly