Overview

This bill adds activities for expectant parents to optional early childhood and family education program components and increases the revenue for ECFE programs offered by school districts. ECFE revenue is increased by $6.50 per child in the funding formula. The bill also increases the general fund appropriation for ECFE to provide increased state aid due to the funding formula changes.

ECFE programs may be offered by districts with community education programs. ECFE serves expectant parents, families, and children from birth to kindergarten with programs to promote child development and parent education. ECFE programs are funded with state aid, local levy and participant fees.

1 **Program characteristics.** Adds activities for expectant parents as an eleventh optional component of an early childhood family education program (ECFE). Other components include activities related to child development, prevention of child abuse and neglect, and the provision of information to, and education for parents.

2 **Revenue.** Increases the revenue in the current funding formula for ECFE to $120 per child under five living in a district from $113.50 per child. Participating districts would receive the additional revenue primarily in state aid.

3 **Appropriations.** Increases the general fund appropriation for ECFE to provide additional state aid.