Overview

This bill provides data classification for the community action, Head Start, and foodshelf programs. This bill also modifies provisions of child care programs and program plan submission requirements for learning readiness programs.

Section

1 Data classification. Provides for the protection of data collected under the Government Data Practices Act for individuals receiving services through community action programs.

2 Data classification. Provides for the protection of data collected under the Government Data Practices Act for individuals receiving services through foodshelf programs.

3 Head Start Program.
   Subd. 1. Department of children, families, and learning. Makes technical changes.
   Subd. 2. Data classification. Provides for the protection of data collected under the Government Data Practices Act for individuals receiving services through the Head Start program.

4 Income. Excludes earned income of full-time students up to the age of 19 who have not earned a high school diploma or GED high school equivalency diploma from the definition of "income" when determining child care assistance eligibility and co-payments.

5 Funding priority. Requires first priority for child care assistance under the basic sliding fee program to be given to eligible non-MFIP families who do not have a high school or general equivalency diploma or who need remedial and basic skill courses in order to pursue employment or to pursue education leading to employment who need child care assistance to participate in the education program.

6 Program review and approval. Changes program plan submission requirements from an annual requirement to a biennial requirement. One-half of school districts must submit their
plans in the even numbered years and the other half in the odd numbered years. Requires the commissioners of children, families, and learning and health to determine when districts will submit plans.