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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing a legislative working group on early childhood
1.3 programs; requiring a report.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON EARLY CHILDHOOD**
1.6 **PROGRAMS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Duties. (a) A legislative working group on early childhood programs is
1.8 established to review the evaluation reports of early childhood programs and submit a report
1.9 to the legislature.

1.10 (b) The working group must study each of the key facts and findings and
1.11 recommendations made by the legislative auditor in its April 2018 evaluation report on
1.12 early childhood programs, including update reports on problems identified, changes
1.13 implemented, and actions needed.

1.14 (c) The working group must solicit input from the commissioner of human services, the
1.15 commissioner of health, the commissioner of education, early childhood program providers,
1.16 families accessing services in Minnesota's early childhood programs, and other interested
1.17 stakeholders.

1.18 Subd. 2. Membership; chair. (a) The legislative working group on early childhood
1.19 programs shall consist of eight members as follows:

1.20 (1) four members of the house of representatives, including two members appointed by
1.21 the speaker of the house and two members appointed by the house minority leader; and

2.1 (2) four members of the senate, including two members appointed by the senate majority
2.2 leader and two members appointed by the senate minority leader.

2.3 (b) Appointing authorities must make appointments by November 15, 2020.

2.4 (c) If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority for the vacated position must fill the
2.5 vacancy.

2.6 (d) The speaker and the majority leader must each designate one working group member
2.7 from their respective body to serve as chair. The chair must alternate each meeting. The
2.8 member appointed as chair by the senate majority leader must convene the first meeting of
2.9 the working group by January 15, 2021.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Administration.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide
2.11 technical and administrative assistance to the working group upon request.

2.12 Subd. 4. **Recommendations; report.** The working group must submit a written report
2.13 to the governor and chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.14 jurisdiction over early childhood programs by September 15, 2021. The report must include
2.15 any draft legislation to make any recommended changes to improve the effectiveness of
2.16 early childhood programs.

2.17 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The working group expires September 16, 2021.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.