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[HF 2493](#) – Eligibility for Statewide Preschool Program (LSB5487HV.1)  
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## Description

[House File 2493](#) expands Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) eligibility to include pupils who reach five years of age on or after March 15 but on or before September 15 of the calendar year in which they would be eligible to attend kindergarten.

The Bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2027 (FY 2028).

## Background

The SWVPP was established in 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter [148](#) (Preschool Access for Four-Year-Olds Act). The Act established that a child who is a resident of the State of Iowa and is four years of age by September 15 of a school year would be eligible to enroll in the preschool program and would receive State funding. Any child younger or older in the preschool program would not be counted for State funding.

A school district with an approved SWVPP is funded in part by preschool foundation aid payments. The preschool foundation aid payment is calculated by multiplying the regular program State cost per pupil (SCPP) by the school district's preschool budget enrollment.

In academic year 2023-2024, 323 districts statewide participated in the SWVPP with 238 community partners of which 24,311 pupils were funded, and program funding totaled \$91.0 million.

In academic year 2024-2025, 324 districts statewide participated in the SWVPP with 238 community partners of which 24,083 students were funded, and the program funding totaled approximately \$91.4 million.

## Assumptions

- The FY 2028 SCPP will be \$8,148, which is based on the FY 2027 SCPP, assuming a 0.0% State percentage of growth.
- The FY 2028 State school aid for SWVPP will be \$4,074, assuming a 0.0% State percentage of growth.
- Based on the fall 2024 certified enrollment, approximately 233 new pupils could be eligible under the Bill.

## Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact for HF 2493 for each new pupil participating in the SWVPP will be an additional cost to the General Fund of \$4,074. In FY 2028, if 233 new pupils were enrolled in the SWVPP, the estimated maximum cost would be \$949,000 paid through the school aid formula.

**Sources**

Iowa Department of Education Students Report, Iowa data collection

Iowa Association of School Boards

Legislative Services Agency calculations

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