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Sc-A child who is a resident of Iowa and who is either four years of age on or before September 15 of a school year or who reaches five years of age on or after March 15 but on or before September 15 of the calendar year during which the school year begins shall be eligible to enroll in the preschool program under this chapter.

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Sc-Subject to implementation of chapter 28E agreements between a school district and community-based providers of services to four-year-old children and eligible five-year-old children, a four-year-old child or eligible five-year-old child who is enrolled in a child care center or child development home licensed or registered under chapter 237A, or in an existing public or private preschool program, shall be eligible for services provided by the school district's local preschool House File 2493, p.

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2.

Eligible student enrollment.

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To be included as an eligible student in the enrollment count of the preschool programming provided by a

school district approved to participate in the preschool program, a child must be four years of satisfy the age by September 15 requirements of section 256C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", in the base year and be attending the school district's approved local program.

b.

The enrollment count of eligible students shall not include a child who is included in the enrollment count determined under section 257.6 or a child who is served by a program already receiving state or federal funds for the purpose of the provision of four-year-old or five-year-old preschool programming while the child is being served by the program.

Such preschool programming includes but is not limited to child development assistance programs provided under chapter 256A, special education programs provided under section 256B.9, school ready children grant programs and other programs provided under chapter 256I, and federal head start programs and the services funded by Tit.

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7.

Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

(1) An approved local program under the statewide preschool program for four-year-old young children under chapter 256C.

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8.

Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph c, subparagraph (1), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Start-up costs for an approved local program under the statewide preschool program for four-year-old young children under chapter 256C.

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9.

Section 299.1A, subsection 3, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3.

A child who has reached the age of four by September 15 or five and who is enrolled in the statewide preschool program under chapter 256C shall be considered to be of compulsory attendance age unless the parent or guardian of the child House File 2493, p.

4 submits written notice to the school district implementing the program of the parent's or guardian's intent to remove the child from enrollment in the preschool program.

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10.

APPLICABILITY.

This Act applies to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

PAT GRASSLEY AMY SINCLAIR Speaker of the House President of the Senate I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2493, Ninety-first General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON Chief Clerk of the House Approved _____, 2026

KIM REYNOLDS Governor