

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 252**

"TO ENSURE THE ENROLLMENT AGE IN PREKINDERGARTEN IS CONSISTENT WITH  
THE ENROLLMENT CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO PUBLIC SCHOOL."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 252.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 252 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 25 through 35 and substitute the following language:

"Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-230. Minimum age for enrolling in prekindergarten.

(a)(1) For the 2009-2010 school year:

(A) A child may enter a prekindergarten program for children three (3) years of age if the child will attain three (3) years of age on or before August 1, 2009; and

(B) A child may enter a prekindergarten program for children four (4) years of age if:

(i) The child will attain four (4) years of age on or before August 15, 2009; or

(ii) The child was enrolled in a prekindergarten program for children three (3) years of age for a minimum of one hundred (100) days during the 2008-2009 school year.

(2) For the 2010-2011 school year and each school year thereafter:

(A) A child may enter a prekindergarten program for children three (3) years of age if the child will attain three (3) years of age on or before August 1 immediately preceding the beginning of the school year; and

(B) A child may enter a prekindergarten program for children four (4) years of age if the child will attain four (4) years of age on or before August 1 immediately preceding the beginning of the school year.

(b)(1) The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services shall notify all providers of appropriate early childhood programs for prekindergarten of the age requirements specified in subsection (a) of this section by providing one (1) written notification letter sent to each provider of appropriate early childhood programs for prekindergarten at the address of record on file with the Department of Human Services.



(2) The prekindergarten age requirements specified in subsection  
(a) of this section shall be published on the website of the:  
(A) Department of Human Services; and  
(B) Department of Education."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 36.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator D. Johnson

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Secretary