

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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3 Regular Session, 2003  
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# A Bill

Act 825 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1951

5 By: Representatives Chesterfield, C. Johnson, White, Lamoureux, Key, Blair, L. Prater, Green, Kenney,  
6 R. Smith, Rankin, Seawel, Napper, Oglesby, Sullivan, J. Johnson, Boyd, Elliott, Hathorn, D. Evans, Fite,  
7 Mahony, Jackson, Hutchinson, Dees, Ledbetter, Dobbins, Judy, Wood  
8 By: Senators Brown, Steele, G. Jeffress  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
13 DETERMINE AND PREPARE A LIST OF THE SKILLS THAT A  
14 CHILD SHOULD HAVE IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED WHEN  
15 ENTERING KINDERGARTEN; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT  
16 OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH THE LIST OF SKILLS; TO  
17 REQUIRE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIST AT CHILD CARE  
18 FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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25 ENTERING KINDERGARTEN.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. (a)(1) By December 31, 2003, the Department of Education  
31 shall determine and prepare a list of the skills and knowledge that a child  
32 should have in order to be prepared to enter kindergarten.

33 (2) The list shall be prepared in a manner that will assist  
34 parents in preparing their children for kindergarten.

35 (b)(1) The list shall be available to parents on the Department of  
36 Education's website and from the Department of Education by mail if



1 requested.

2 (2) The Department of Education shall make reasonable efforts to  
3 have the list of skills published in the Arkansas Happy Birthday Baby Book.

4 (c)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide copies of the  
5 list to child care facilities licensed by the Division of Child Care and  
6 Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services.

7 (2) By December 31, 2003, the Department of Human Services shall  
8 adopt rules and regulations requiring child care facilities licensed by the  
9 Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of  
10 Human Services each year to distribute the list to the parent of each three-  
11 year old, four-year old, and five-year old attending the child care facility.

12 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a child to  
13 have a certain level of skill or knowledge prior to enrolling in  
14 kindergarten.

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