

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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A Bill

Act 1535 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1092

5 By: Representative Magnus
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW SIX-YEAR OLDS THAT DID NOT ATTEND
10 KINDERGARTEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN EITHER
11 *KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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15 NOT ATTEND KINDERGARTEN THE OPPORTUNITY
16 TO ENROLL IN EITHER KINDERGARTEN OR
17 *FIRST GRADE.*

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-18-201(c) is amended to read as follows:

23 (c) Any child who will be six (6) years of age on or before October 1
24 of the school year of enrollment and who has not completed a state-accredited
25 kindergarten program shall be evaluated by the district and ~~placed either in~~
26 ~~the first grade or kindergarten depending upon the results of the evaluation~~
27 may be placed in the first grade if the results of the evaluation justify
28 placement in the first grade and the child's parent agrees with placement in
29 the first grade; otherwise the child shall be placed in kindergarten.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-18-207(b), *pertaining to the minimum age for*
32 *enrollment in public schools*, is amended to read as follows:

33 (b)(1) ~~Students~~ Any child may enter the first grade in the public
34 schools of this state if ~~they~~ the child will attain the age of six (6) years
35 ~~on or before October 1 of~~ during the school year in which ~~they are~~ the child
36 is seeking enrollment and the child has successfully completed a kindergarten

1 program in a public school in this state.

2 (2) Any child who will be six (6) years of age on or before
3 October 1 of the school year of enrollment and who has not completed a state-
4 accredited kindergarten program shall be enrolled pursuant to 6-18-201(c).

5 ~~(2)~~(3) Any child who has been enrolled in the first grade in a
6 state-accredited or state-approved elementary school in another state for a
7 period of at least sixty (60) days, who will become age six (6) years during
8 the school year in which he is enrolled in grade one (1), and who meets the
9 basic residency requirement for school attendance may be enrolled in the first
10 grade.

11 */s/ Magnus*

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