

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 1552 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 2195

5 By: Representative Magnus
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO
10 DEVELOP AND CONDUCT READINESS TESTING FOR
11 CHILDREN WHO ARE ENTERING KINDERGARTEN; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND CONDUCT
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a)(1) The Department of Education shall establish a
24 committee to:

25 (A) Review current policies and procedures addressing
26 school readiness of children entering kindergarten;

27 (B) Examine the feasibility of developing and implementing
28 a state plan to determine a child's readiness to enter kindergarten; and

29 (C) Make recommendations to the Department of Education
30 regarding development of guidelines testing children's readiness to enter
31 kindergarten.

32 (2) The activities and findings of the committee shall be
33 reported to the Interim House and Senate Committees on Education prior to
34 October 1, 2002.

35 (b) After receiving and reviewing the recommendation of the advisory
36 committee but prior to August 1, 2003, the Department of Education shall

1 develop guidelines for school districts to perform readiness testing for
2 children who are entering kindergarten.

3 (c)(1) After the Department of Education develops guidelines under
4 subsection (b), each school district in the state shall conduct individual
5 readiness testing on each child entering kindergarten, and provide the
6 results of the testing to the child's parents in a timely manner prior to the
7 child's first day of school.

8 (2) The results of the testing that are provided to parents
9 shall indicate in clear, understandable terminology the child's readiness for
10 entering kindergarten.

11 /s/ Magnus

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