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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1442

5
6 By: Representative Mauch

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on Education
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM AGE
11 FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

13 Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM
16 AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
17 KINDERGARTEN.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-207(a)(3), concerning the age for
24 enrollment in public school kindergarten, is amended to read as follows:

25 (3)(A) Notwithstanding the age requirements in subdivision
26 (a)(1) of this section, a public school or public school district shall allow
27 a child to enroll in kindergarten if the child:

28 (i) Was enrolled in a state-approved prekindergarten
29 program during the ~~2008-2009~~ school year immediately preceding the school
30 year the child desires to enroll in kindergarten;

31 (ii) Attended a state-approved prekindergarten
32 program for at least one hundred (100) days during the ~~2008-2009~~ school year
33 ~~and each subsequent~~ immediately preceding the school year in which ~~he or she~~
34 ~~has been enrolled in a state-approved prekindergarten program~~ the child
35 desires to enroll in kindergarten; and

1 (iii) Will be at least five (5) years of age no
2 later than ~~September 15~~ August 26 during the year in which he or she enrolls
3 in kindergarten.

4 (B) As used in this subdivision (a)(3), "state-approved
5 prekindergarten program" means a prekindergarten program that is accredited
6 and quality-approved by the Department of Human Services Division of Child
7 Care and Early Childhood Education.

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9 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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