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30 the state and having custody or charge of $\frac{a}{a}$ child may elect for the child
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36 kindergarten waiver form with the local school district administrative

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2	(ii) The <u>kindergarten waiver</u> form shall be
3	prescribed by regulation rule of the Department of Education.
4	(C) Upon the filing of the kindergarten waiver form, the
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