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.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S2/11/09		
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2009		SENATE BILL 313	
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5	By: Senators D. Johnson, D. Wyatt			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO CLARIFY APPLICABLE KINDERGARTEN AND			
10	PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.			
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13	TO CI	ARIFY APPLICABLE KINDERGARTEN ANI	D	
14	PREKI	INDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.		
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	ARKANSAS:	
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19	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-207(a)(2) and (3), as amended by Act 29 of			
20	2009, concerning the enrollment deadline for kindergarten, is amended to read			
21	as follows:			
22	(2) Any s	tudent who has been enrolled in a	a state-accredited or	
23	state-approved licensed kindergarten program in another state for at least			
24	sixty (60) days, who will become five (5) years old during the year in which			
25	he or she is enrolled	in kindergarten, and who meets th	ne basic residency	
26	requirement for school	attendance may be enrolled in ki	ndergarten upon	
27	written request to the	school district.		
28	(3) (A) No	twithstanding the age requirement	s in subdivision	
29	(a)(l) of this section	, a public school or public schoo	ol district shall allow	
30	a child to enroll in k	indergarten if the child:		
31	(i)	(A) Was enrolled in a state-appr	oved <u>licensed</u>	
32	prekindergarten program during the 2008-2009 school year;			
33	(ii) (B) Attended a state-approved licensed			
34	prekindergarten progra	prekindergarten program for at least one hundred (100) days during the 2008-		
35	2009 school year and each subsequent year in which he or she is enrolled in a			
36	state-approved licensed prekindergarten program; and			



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1	(iii) <u>(C)</u> Will be at least five (5) years of age no later
2	than September 15 during the year in which he or she enrolls in kindergarten.
3	(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(3), "state-approved
4	prekindergarten program" means a prekindergarten program that is accredited
5	and quality-approved by the Department of Human Services Division of Child
6	Care and Early Childhood Education.
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