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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1442

4
5 By: Representative Mauch

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM
15 AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 KINDERGARTEN.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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