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COMPULSORY SCHOOLING: CHILD EDUCATED AT HOME BY PARENT

House Bill 5803 Sponsor: Rep. Kirk A. Profit

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5803 AS INTRODUCED 4-24-96

The Revised School Code, put in place by Public Act 289 of 1995 (Senate Bill 679), will take effect July 1, 1996. Public Act 289 contains an amendment to the section of the code that specifies the various exceptions to the requirement that a child from age 6 through 15 attend public school (e.g., when attending an approved non-public school). The amendment says a child is not required to attend public school if "the child is being educated by his or her parent or legal guardian at the child's home in an organized educational program that is appropriate given the age, intelligence, ability, and any psychological limitations of the child, in the subject areas of reading, spelling, mathematics, science, history, civics, literature, writing, and English grammar." House Bill 5803 would delete this provision from the Revised School Code.

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