

SENATE BILL No. 474

May 3, 2007, Introduced by Senators CASSIS, JELINEK, KUIPERS and GILBERT and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
 "The revised school code,"
 by amending section 1147 (MCL 380.1147).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1147. (1) A ~~person, resident of~~ **CHILD WHO RESIDES IN** a
 2 school district not maintaining a kindergarten and **WHO IS** at least
 3 5 years of age on the first day of enrollment of the school year ~~,~~
 4 ~~shall have a right to~~ **MAY** attend school in the district.

5 (2) ~~In~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, IN** a
 6 school district ~~where provision is made for~~ **THAT PROVIDES**
 7 kindergarten, ~~work,~~ a child ~~, resident of~~ **WHO RESIDES IN** the **SCHOOL**
 8 district ~~, is entitled to~~ **MAY** enroll in the kindergarten if the
 9 child is at least 5 years of age on December 1 of the school year

1 of enrollment. FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES
2 IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS
3 AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2007. FOR THE 2008-2009
4 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL
5 IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON OCTOBER
6 1, 2008. FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR AND EACH SUCCEEDING SCHOOL
7 YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN
8 KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1
9 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OF ENROLLMENT.

10 (3) In a school district ~~which~~ THAT PROVIDES KINDERGARTEN AND
11 has semiannual promotions, a child ~~, resident of~~ WHO RESIDES IN the
12 district ~~, is entitled to~~ MAY enroll in kindergarten for the second
13 semester if the child is at least 5 years of age on March 1 of the
14 year of enrollment.

15 (4) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY MAY ADOPT A POLICY THAT ALLOWS A CHILD WHO IS
17 AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO ENROLL
18 IN KINDERGARTEN EARLY UPON REQUEST BY THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL
19 GUARDIAN IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE CHILD DEMONSTRATES
20 CAPABILITIES WARRANTING THE EARLY ENROLLMENT. THE POLICY SHALL
21 REQUIRE THE DETERMINATION OF A CHILD'S CAPABILITIES TO BE MADE BY
22 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY CHIEF
23 ADMINISTRATOR, OR BY HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

24 (5) THE AGES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION FOR A CHILD'S
25 ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO APPLY TO A
26 CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect

1 unless Senate Bill No. 475

2 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.