

HOUSE BILL No. 4513

April 12, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Franz and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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,~~**CHILD WHO IS A** resident of a school
2 district ~~not maintaining a~~**THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE** kindergarten and
3 **WHO IS** at least 5 years of age on the first day of enrollment of
4 the school year ~~, shall have a right to~~**MAY** attend school in the
5 **SCHOOL** district.

6 (2) In a school district ~~where provision is made for~~
7 ~~kindergarten work,~~**THAT PROVIDES KINDERGARTEN,** a child ~~, who is a~~
8 resident of the **SCHOOL** district ~~, is entitled to~~**MAY** enroll in the
9 kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on December 1
10 of the school year of enrollment. ~~In a school district which has~~

~~semiannual promotions, a child, resident of the district, is~~
~~entitled to enroll in kindergarten for the second semester if the~~
~~child is at least 5 years of age on March 1 of the year of~~
~~enrollment.~~ BEGINNING WITH THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO
RESIDES IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE
CHILD IS AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON THE SEPTEMBER 1 IMMEDIATELY
PRECEDING ENROLLMENT.

(3) IF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD RESIDING IN THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO IS NOT 5 YEARS OF AGE ON THE SEPTEMBER 1 DATE
SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2), BUT WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OF AGE NOT
LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OF ENROLLMENT, WANTS TO
ENROLL THE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH
THE CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE
PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER UNDER THIS
SUBSECTION. TO OBTAIN A WAIVER, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SHALL
APPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD WOULD
ENROLL, USING AN APPLICATION FORM OBTAINED FROM THE PRINCIPAL, NOT
LATER THAN MAY 1 PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT IS
SOUGHT. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL FORM A
COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR AND 2 TEACHERS TO
EVALUATE THE CHILD'S KINDERGARTEN READINESS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL
ADMINISTER TO THE CHILD A SKILLS LEVEL ASSESSMENT COMMONLY USED IN
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EVALUATING KINDERGARTEN READINESS AND SHALL
CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL
GUARDIAN. NOT LATER THAN JULY 1 PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH
ENROLLMENT IS SOUGHT, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENT OR
LEGAL GUARDIAN OF ITS DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT THE

1 **WAIVER.**

2 **(4) THE AGES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION FOR A CHILD'S**
3 **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO APPLY TO A**
4 **CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY TO ENROLL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.**

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
6 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4514(request no.
7 01726'11 a) of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.