

SENATE BILL No. 492

September 12, 2013, Introduced by Senators CASWELL, JONES, GREEN, BOOHER, NOFS and COLBECK 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), as amended by 2012 PA 198.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1147. (1) A child who is a resident of a school district
2 that does not provide kindergarten and who is at least 5 years of
3 age on the first day of enrollment of the school year may attend
4 school in the school district.

5 ~~(2) In a school district that provides kindergarten, until the~~
6 ~~2013-2014 school year, a child who is a resident of the school~~
7 ~~district may enroll in the kindergarten if the child is at least 5~~
8 ~~years of age on December 1 of the school year of enrollment.~~

9 Subject to subsection (3), for the 2013-2014 school year, a child

1 who resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if
2 the child is at least 5 years of age on November 1, 2013. Subject
3 to subsection (3), for the 2014-2015 school year, a child who
4 resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if the
5 child is at least 5 years of age on October 1, 2014. Subject to
6 subsection (3), beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, a child
7 who resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if
8 the child is at least 5 years of age on September 1 of the school
9 year of enrollment.

10 (3) If a child residing in the school district **OR A CHILD**
11 **ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN AND BE COUNTED IN MEMBERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL**
12 **DISTRICT UNDER SECTION 105 OR 105C OF THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF**
13 **1979, MCL 388.1705 AND 388.1705C**, is not 5 years of age on the
14 enrollment eligibility date specified in subsection (2), but will
15 be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, the
16 parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in
17 kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian
18 notifies the school district in writing not later than June 1
19 before the beginning of the school year that he or she intends to
20 enroll the child in kindergarten. If a child described in this
21 subsection becomes a resident of the school district after June 1,
22 the child's parent or legal guardian may enroll the child in
23 kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian
24 submits this written notification to the school district not later
25 than August 1 before the beginning of that school year. A school
26 district that receives this written notification may make a
27 recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of a child described

1 in this subsection that the child is not ready to enroll in
2 kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. However,
3 regardless of this recommendation, the parent or legal guardian
4 retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll
5 the child in kindergarten under this subsection.

6 (4) The ages prescribed in this section for a child's
7 eligibility for enrollment in a school district also apply to a
8 child's eligibility to enroll in a public school academy.

9 (5) If a school district or public school academy enrolls any
10 children in kindergarten for a school year under subsection (3),
11 the school district or public school academy shall notify the
12 department of the number of those children enrolled by not later
13 than December 31 of that school year.