

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 315

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, UNTIL THE 2013-2014**  
8 **SCHOOL YEAR,** a child ~~,~~**WHO IS A** resident of the **SCHOOL** district ~~,~~  
9 ~~is entitled to~~**MAY** enroll in the kindergarten if the child is at  
10 least 5 years of age on December 1 of the school year of

1 enrollment. In a school district which has semiannual promotions, a  
2 child, resident of the district, is entitled to enroll in  
3 kindergarten for the second semester if the child is at least 5  
4 years of age on March 1 of the year of enrollment. SUBJECT TO  
5 SUBSECTION (3), FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES  
6 IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS  
7 AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2013. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION  
8 (3), FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES IN THE  
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS AT LEAST  
10 5 YEARS OF AGE ON OCTOBER 1, 2014. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3),  
11 BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, A CHILD WHO RESIDES IN  
12 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN IF THE CHILD IS AT  
13 LEAST 5 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OF  
14 ENROLLMENT.

15 (3) IF A CHILD RESIDING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT 5 YEARS  
16 OF AGE ON THE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY DATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
17 (2), BUT WILL BE 5 YEARS OF AGE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF A  
18 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THAT CHILD MAY ENROLL  
19 THE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR IF THE PARENT OR  
20 LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTIFIES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WRITING NOT LATER  
21 THAN JUNE 1 BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR THAT HE OR SHE  
22 INTENDS TO ENROLL THE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN. IF A CHILD DESCRIBED  
23 IN THIS SUBSECTION BECOMES A RESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER  
24 JUNE 1, THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY ENROLL THE CHILD  
25 IN KINDERGARTEN FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR IF THE PARENT OR LEGAL  
26 GUARDIAN SUBMITS THIS WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
27 NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1 BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THAT SCHOOL YEAR. A

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT RECEIVES THIS WRITTEN NOTIFICATION MAY MAKE A  
2 RECOMMENDATION TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD DESCRIBED  
3 IN THIS SUBSECTION THAT THE CHILD IS <<NOT>> READY TO ENROLL IN  
4 KINDERGARTEN DUE TO THE CHILD'S AGE OR OTHER FACTORS. HOWEVER,  
5 REGARDLESS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  
6 RETAINS THE SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO ENROLL  
7 THE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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

11 (5) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY ENROLLS ANY  
12 CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN FOR A SCHOOL YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION (3),  
13 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL NOTIFY THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF THE NUMBER OF THOSE CHILDREN ENROLLED BY NOT LATER  
15 THAN DECEMBER 31 OF THAT SCHOOL YEAR.

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
17 unless Senate Bill No. 316 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into  
18 law.