

SENATE BILL No. 315

April 12, 2011, Introduced by Senator BOOHER 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,~~ **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~~

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

8 (3) IF THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD RESIDING IN THE
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO IS NOT 5 YEARS OF AGE ON THE SEPTEMBER 1 DATE
10 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2), BUT WHO WILL BE 5 YEARS OF AGE NOT
11 LATER THAN DECEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OF ENROLLMENT, WANTS TO
12 ENROLL THE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH
13 THE CHILD IS ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE
14 PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER UNDER THIS
15 SUBSECTION. TO OBTAIN A WAIVER, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SHALL
16 APPLY TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD WOULD
17 ENROLL, USING AN APPLICATION FORM OBTAINED FROM THE PRINCIPAL, NOT
18 LATER THAN MAY 1 PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH ENROLLMENT IS
19 SOUGHT. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL FORM A
20 COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR AND 2 TEACHERS TO
21 EVALUATE THE CHILD'S KINDERGARTEN READINESS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL
22 ADMINISTER TO THE CHILD A SKILLS LEVEL ASSESSMENT COMMONLY USED IN
23 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EVALUATING KINDERGARTEN READINESS AND SHALL
24 CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CHILD AND THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL
25 GUARDIAN. NOT LATER THAN JULY 1 PRECEDING THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR WHICH
26 ENROLLMENT IS SOUGHT, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE PARENT OR
27 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. 316

7 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.