

SENATE BILL No. 126

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-33-2.

Synopsis: Mandatory half-day kindergarten enrollment. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, requires a student to enroll in a kindergarten program that is at least a half-day program not later than the fall term of the school year in which the student becomes six years of age.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-33-2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.242-2005,
2 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 6. A student is bound by the requirements of this
4 chapter from the earlier of the date on which the student officially
5 enrolls in a school or, except as provided in section 8 of this chapter,
6 the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the
7 student becomes ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** years of age until the date on which
8 the student:
9 (1) graduates;
10 (2) becomes eighteen (18) years of age; or
11 (3) becomes sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen
12 (18) years of age and the requirements under section 9 of this
13 chapter concerning an exit interview are met enabling the student
14 to withdraw from school before graduation;
15 whichever occurs first.
16 SECTION 2. IC 20-33-2-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005,
17 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 7. (a) In addition to the
 2 requirements of sections 4 through 6 of this chapter, a student must be
 3 at least five (5) years of age on:

- 4 (1) July 1 of the 2005-2006 school year; or
 5 (2) August 1 of the 2006-2007 school year or any subsequent
 6 school year;

7 to officially enroll in a kindergarten program offered by a school
 8 corporation. However, subject to subsection (c), the governing body of
 9 the school corporation shall adopt a procedure affording a parent of a
 10 student who does not meet the minimum age requirement set forth in
 11 this subsection the right to appeal to the superintendent for enrollment
 12 of the student in kindergarten at an age earlier than the age set forth in
 13 this subsection.

14 (b) In addition to the requirements of sections 4 through 6 of this
 15 chapter and subsection (a), and subject to subsection (c), if a student
 16 enrolls in school as allowed under section 6 of this chapter and has not
 17 attended kindergarten, the superintendent shall make a determination
 18 as to whether the student shall enroll in kindergarten or grade 1 based
 19 on the particular model assessment adopted by the governing body
 20 under subsection (c).

21 (c) To assist the principal and governing bodies, the department
 22 shall do the following:

- 23 (1) Establish guidelines to assist each governing body in
 24 establishing a procedure for making appeals to the superintendent
 25 under subsection (a).
 26 (2) Establish criteria by which a governing body may adopt a
 27 model assessment that may be used in making the determination
 28 under subsection (b).

29 **(d) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, a student shall**
 30 **enroll in a kindergarten program that is at least a half-day**
 31 **program not later than the fall term of the school year in which the**
 32 **student becomes six (6) years of age.**

33 SECTION 3. IC 20-33-2-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
 34 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 35 2012]: Sec. 8. A student is not bound by the requirements of this
 36 chapter until the student becomes ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** years of age, if,
 37 upon request of the superintendent of the school corporation, the parent
 38 of a student who would otherwise be subject to compulsory school
 39 attendance under section 6 of this chapter certifies to the
 40 superintendent that the parent intends to:

- 41 (1) enroll the student in a nonaccredited, nonpublic school; or
 42 (2) begin providing the student with instruction equivalent to that

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1 given in the public schools as permitted under section 28 of this
2 chapter;
3 not later than the date on which the student becomes ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)**
4 years of age.

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