

1 HB21
2 161726-5
3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Education Policy
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1 ENGROSSED

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To amend Section 16-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975,
9 relating to enrolling for school; to allow a child who is six
10 years of age on or before December 31 to enroll in the
11 enrolling school district.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 16-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975 is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§16-28-4.

16 "(a) A child who is six years of age on or before
17 ~~September 1~~ December 31 or the date on which the second
18 ~~semester of the~~ school begins in the enrolling district shall
19 be entitled to admission to the first grade in the public
20 elementary schools at the opening of such schools for that
21 school year or as soon as practicable thereafter. A child who
22 is under six years of age on ~~September 1~~ December 31 or the
23 date on which the second semester of the school year begins in
24 the enrolling district shall not be entitled to admission to
25 the first grade in the public elementary schools during that
26 school year; except, that an underage child who transfers from
27 the first grade of a school in another state may be admitted

1 to school upon approval of the board of education in
2 authority, and an underage child who has moved into this state
3 having completed or graduated from a mandated kindergarten
4 program in another state shall be entitled to admission to the
5 public elementary schools regardless of age. A child who
6 becomes six years of age on or before February 1 may, on
7 approval of the local board of education ~~in authority~~, be
8 admitted at the beginning of the second semester of that
9 school year to schools in school systems having semiannual
10 promotions of pupils.

11 " (b) A child who is five years of age on or before
12 September 1 or the date on which school begins in the
13 enrolling district shall be entitled to admission to the local
14 public school kindergartens at the opening of such schools for
15 that school year or as soon as practicable thereafter; a child
16 who is under five years of age on September 1 or the date on
17 which school begins in the enrolling district shall not be
18 entitled to admission to such schools during that school year;
19 except that, an underage child who transfers from the public
20 school kindergarten in another state may be admitted to local
21 public kindergarten on the prior approval of the local board
22 of education on a space available basis. The aforementioned
23 underage children transferring from the public school
24 kindergartens of another state, upon successful completion of
25 the kindergarten in the local public schools, will then be
26 allowed admission to the first grade of the local public
27 schools.

1 ~~"(c) Students who were four years of age on or~~
2 ~~before October 1, 1989, and are enrolled in a public, private~~
3 ~~or church four-year-old program or kindergarten during the~~
4 ~~1989-90 school year will be allowed to enroll in a~~
5 ~~five-year-old public kindergarten, applicable only for the~~
6 ~~1990-91 school year and to enroll in grade one of a public~~
7 ~~school, applicable only for 1991-92 school year. Students who~~
8 ~~are already enrolled in a public, private or church~~
9 ~~kindergarten will be allowed to enroll in grade one of a~~
10 ~~public school, applicable only for the 1990-91 school year.~~

11 ~~"(d) (c) No public school system shall lose any~~
12 ~~teacher unit as a result of this section. The State Board of~~
13 ~~Education is authorized to adopt policies for local boards of~~
14 ~~education for the implementation of this section."~~

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 97, Nays 2, Abstains 0

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