
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KINDERGARTEN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-411, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§302A-411 Kindergarten program; establishment;
4 attendance. (a) The department shall establish and maintain
5 kindergartens with a program of instruction as a part of the
6 public school system; provided that:

7 (1) Attendance in kindergarten shall be mandatory, unless
8 exempted by subsection (b) or section 302A-1132; and

9 (2) Charter schools shall not be excluded from mandatory
10 participation in the program.

11 (b) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, any parent,
12 guardian, or other person having the responsibility for, or care
13 of, a child who will be at least five years of age on or before
14 July 31 of the school year shall enroll the child in a public
15 school kindergarten unless the child is enrolled at a private
16 school or the child's attendance is otherwise exempt under
17 section 302A-1132.



1 (c) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the
2 department may allow children to enroll in a public school
3 kindergarten, even if a child is below five years of age on July
4 31 of the school year, pursuant to title 8, chapter 51, of the
5 Hawaii administrative rules.

6 (d) The department may accept gifts to establish and
7 maintain kindergartens."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Kindergarten; Early Entrance for Gifted and Talented Children

Description:

Allows the Department of Education to allow early entrance to kindergarten pursuant to Title 8, Chapter 51, of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, pertaining to gifted and talented children.

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