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SENATE BILL 101

Short Title: School Admission Requirements.

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Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO WAIVE THE  
AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-364 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 115C-364. Admission requirements.**

A child, to be entitled to initial entry in the public schools, must have passed the fifth anniversary of his/her birth on or before October 16 of the year in which the child is presented for enrollment, and must be presented for enrollment during the first month of the school year. The initial point of entry into the public school system shall be at the kindergarten level: Provided, that if a particular child has already been attending school in another state in accordance with the laws or regulations of the school authorities of such state before moving to and becoming a resident of North Carolina, such child will be eligible for enrollment in the schools of this State regardless of whether such child has passed the fifth anniversary of his birth before October 16. Local boards of education may adopt rules under which parents of a child whose birth falls after October 16 may apply to the local board of education for a waiver of this requirement and may receive such a waiver if the local board finds that the child, by reason of maturity, can be appropriately served in the public schools. If the principal of a school finds as fact subsequent to initial entry that a child, by reason of maturity can be more appropriately served in the first grade rather than in kindergarten, the principal may act under the provisions of G.S. 115C-288 to implement this educational decision without regard to chronological age. The principal of any public school shall have the authority to require the parents of any child presented for admission for the first time to such school to

1 furnish a certified copy of the birth certificate of such child, which shall be furnished by  
2 the register of deeds of the county having on file the record of the birth of such child, or  
3 other satisfactory evidence of date of birth."

4           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.