

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 85

HOUSE BILL NO. 839

By Representatives Weaver, Dawn White

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1022

By Senators Bell, Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to the age for school attendance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-104(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Each LEA is authorized to and may provide for enrollment in prekindergarten programs for any at-risk child residing in the geographic area served by the LEA who is four (4) years of age, or who will become four (4) years of age, on or before August 31 for the 2013-2014 school year and on or before August 15 for all school years thereafter. Any child may enroll in a program when an insufficient number of at-risk children are enrolled to fill a specific classroom.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, children who participate in an LEA-administered prekindergarten program, a prekindergarten program administered by a private school as defined by § 49-6-3001(c)(3)(A)(iii) or a Head Start program in a Head Start classroom as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 9832 during the 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 school years may enter kindergarten in the 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 school years, respectively.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

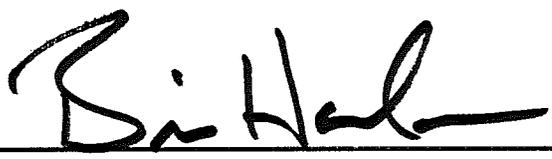
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PASSED: MARCH 21, 2013


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of April 2013


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR