

SENATE BILL NO. 177

BY SENATOR FIELDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:151.3(C)(1), relative to kindergarten attendance; to provide
3 clarification relative to students entering first grade during the 2022-2023 school
4 year; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:151.3(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §151.3. Kindergarten; establishment; entrance age; prerequisites

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9 C.(1)(a) For the 2021-2022 **and 2022-2023** school year **years**, a child, as a
10 prerequisite to enrollment in the first grade of a public school, shall have attended
11 at least a full-day public or nonpublic kindergarten for a full school year, or shall
12 have satisfactorily passed an academic readiness screening administered by the city,
13 parish, or other local public school board prior to the time of enrollment in the first
14 grade. Each city, parish, or other local public school board shall establish the
15 academic readiness level for entry into the first grade.

16 (b) Beginning with the ~~2022-2023~~ **2023-2024** school year, a child, as a
17 prerequisite to enrollment in the first grade of a public school, shall have attended
18 a full-day public or nonpublic kindergarten for a full school year, and shall have
19 satisfactorily passed an academic readiness screening administered by the city,
20 parish, or other local public school board prior to the time of enrollment in the first
21 grade. Each city, parish, or other local public school board shall establish the
22 academic readiness level for entry into the first grade.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____