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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Present law allows public schools to offer prekindergarten instruction. Further references another section of law that has been amended and no longer includes a minimum age for entrance into first grade.

Proposed law retains present law but clarifies that a child must be at least three years old by September thirtieth of the school year in order to enroll in prekindergarten.

Proposed law requires any mandatory screening or testing for entrance into a prekindergarten program be provided by the local school board at no cost to the child and provides that the results be given to the parent or legal guardian at least 15 days prior to the deadline for applying to the program.

Proposed law requires charter schools to adhere to the requirements relative to any prekindergarten screening and testing required for entrance into the program.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.8(A); adds R.S. 17:3996(B)(67))